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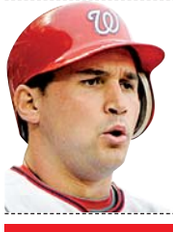

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Amid Wars, U.S. Honors Its Veterans

PRIVATE GRIEF: Veteran Mario Morrone pays his respects to friends who died while serving in Vietnam, at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Philadelphia Wednesday. At a Veterans Day service at Arlington National Cemetery, President Obama honored veterans of past wars and commended those serving in current wars. ✤ **New Strategy:** Obama on verge of Afghanistan plan | Page 3

10 States In Budget Free Fall

Report: Looming economic crises threaten a third of U.S.

WASHINGTON | A study released Wednesday warns that at least nine big states representing a third of the nation's population are barreling toward economic disaster, raising the likelihood of higher taxes, government layoffs and service cuts.

Arizona, Florida, Illinois, Michigan, Nevada, New Jersey, Oregon, Rhode Island and Wisconsin join California as those most at risk of fiscal calamity, according to the report by the Pew Center on the States. Double-digit budget gaps, rising unemployment, high home foreclosure rates and built-in budget constraints are the key reasons.

In Arizona, the state's financial outlook is so gloomy that lawmakers are contemplating selling the Capitol. Illinois is having trouble meeting its pension obligations. And California recently had to pay its bills with IOUs.

The analysis urged lawmakers and governors in those states to take quick action to head off a wider economic catastrophe. "Decisions these states make as they try to navigate the recession will play a role in how quickly the entire nation recovers," said Pew Center managing director Susan Urahn. (AP)

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TEACHING

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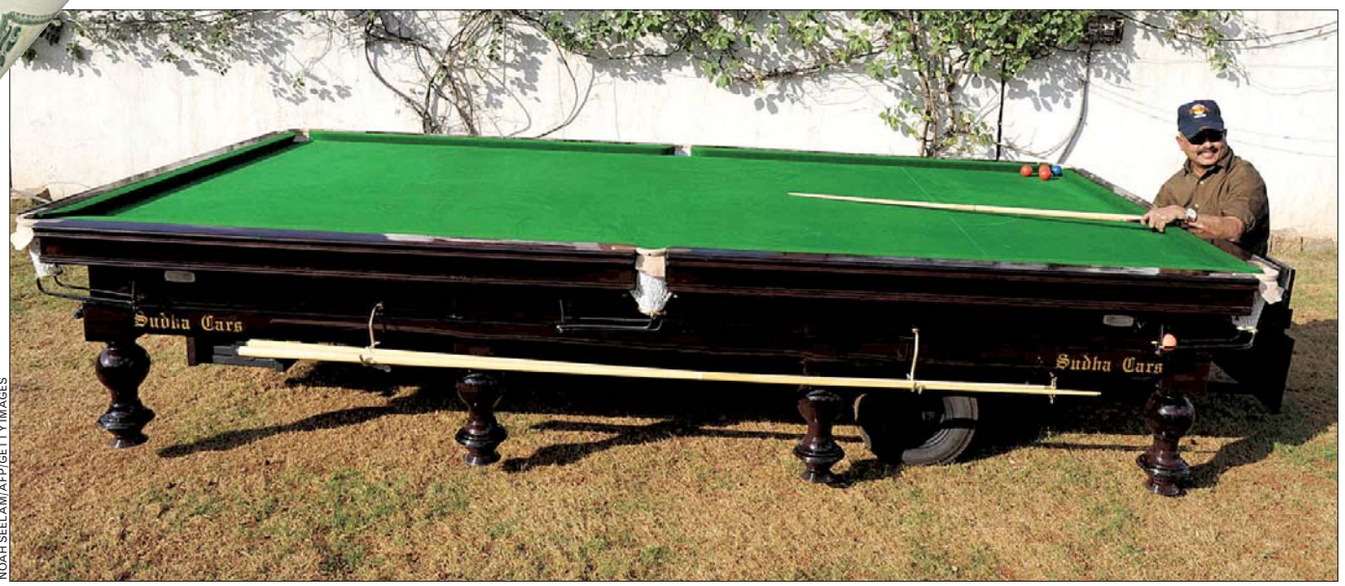
Rosewood Middle School in Goldsboro, N.C., briefly sold grades to students in a bid to raise money. A parent advisory council came up with the plan after last year's chocolate sale flopped. A newspaper drew the school board's attention to the scheme, which was immediately halted. The school had offered 20 test points to students for $20. Students could add 10 extra points to each of two tests. (AP)

MARRIAGE

Proposal Story Actually Interesting

James Ng of Burton, Ohio, was all set to propose on a surprise hot air balloon ride with his fiancee — until the camera bag containing the ring fell 500 feet into the woods below. "I just watched it tumble and it hit a tree and spun around and the stuff fluttered out of it," said Ng. After seven days of searching, he found the camera bag — with the ring still inside. (AP)



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Snooker Table Car Challenges Motorized Recliner to Duel

Car designer Sudhakar Yadav unveiled his snooker table car in Hyderabad, India, on Wednesday. It was created for the World Snooker Championship 2009, to be held in the city Nov. 14-25. The vehicle, which has a top speed of about 28 mph, has three wheels, rack and pinion steering, headlights and indicators. It can be parked on collapsible jacks to function as a real snooker table. (EXPRESS)

INAPPROPRIATE

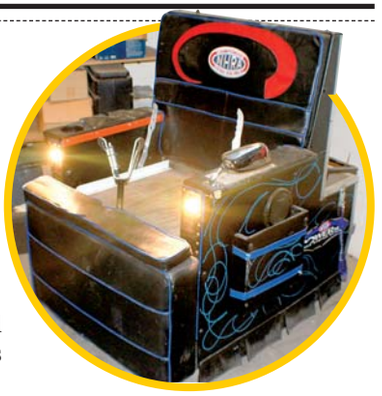
"It is the Christian commandment to love your enemies and to do good to them. I did that."

— **DAN ROSS** OF LEHIGH ACRES, FLA., WHO TRIED TO SEND ROSES TO THE FORT HOOD SUSPECT. FBI AGENTS WERE AT HIS DOOR THE NEXT DAY.

ENDLESS FOLLOW-UP

The Item That Just Won't Die

It looks like the famous motorized recliner that police in Proctor, Minn., seized after it was driven by a drunken driver won't be going to California after all. The Proctor Police Department had put the chair on eBay and thought it had sold for $10,999.99 to a California man last week, but on Monday that man backed out of the deal. On Monday, Clayton Adler sent the city an e-mail saying there had been a mistake, he didn't mean to bid so high, and he couldn't afford to pay. Proctor Chief of Police Walter Wobig wasn't amused. He's asked the city attorney to look into the matter. (AP)



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‘America Will Not Let You Down’

Obama pays tribute to military service in Veterans Day speech

ARLINGTON, VA. | On a cold, rain-soaked Veterans Day, President Obama walked slowly through the white, stone markers at the section of Arlington National Cemetery reserved for troops killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, the two wars he oversees as commander in chief.

Obama led the nation Wednesday in observing Veterans Day with a traditional wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington before an unannounced visit to the section reserved for those who fought in Iraq and Afghanistan.

“We gather here mindful that the generation serving today already deserves a place alongside previous generations for the courage they have shown and the sacrifices that they have made,” Obama said in a brief speech. Obama pledged he would do right by all veterans and families, saying: “America will not let you down.”

PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/AP

President Obama walks through Section 60, the area in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington that is reserved for those who fought in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The nation observed Veterans Day from remembrances at the nation’s capital to a New York City parade to ceremonies in towns and cities across the nation and overseas.

The Veterans Day observation comes as Obama is on the verge of announcing a revamped war strategy in Afghanistan that is expected to include sending thousands more troops into that war zone.

Before returning to the White House to discuss the Afghan strategy with his top military and national security advisers, Obama walked through Arlington’s Section 60, where fallen troops from Iraq and Afghanistan are buried.

The president stopped at the grave of Spc. Ross McGinnis, a Medal of Honor recipient who was killed in Iraq, before he and first lady Michelle Obama walked through the rows of white headstones marking the fallen. Under light rain, the Obamas shook hands and embraced surprised family members there to pay their respects, pausing to speak with them briefly beside their loved ones’ graves. JULIE PACE (AP)

Secret Service Vehicle Strikes, Kills Pedestrian

TEMPLE HILLS, MD. | U.S. Park Police say a man was fatally struck by two U.S. Secret Service vehicles at a Suitland Parkway intersection.

Secret Service spokesman Malcolm Wiley says the two armored vehicles were traveling from Andrews Air Force Base to a Washington garage when the pedestrian was hit around 2:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Wiley says the vehicles were returning from a vice presidential trip to Fort Lewis in Washington state. The cause of the crash is under investigation. The pedestrian’s identity had not been released as of Wednesday afternoon. (AP)

HEARSAY | SCARES

“All I saw was the train go over her body. I was just, like, ‘Oh, my God. This is going to be so bad.’”

—CHARICE LEWIS, WHO WAS DRIVING A TRAIN ON FRIDAY IN BOSTON WHEN A WOMAN FELL IN FRONT OF IT. LEWIS, WHO STOPPED THE TRAIN JUST IN TIME, TOLD HER STORY TO CBS’ “EARLY SHOW.”

SEARCHES **Love — Like Stench — Endures** Sanitation workers sorted through 10 tons of trash in Parsippany, N.J., to recover a wedding ring accidentally thrown away by a New Jersey couple. Bridget Pericolo of Parsippany had placed the ring in a cup that her husband, Angelo, threw out with the garbage Monday morning. When he realized the mistake, he contacted the town’s sanitation supervisor, who suggested coming by the local dump. Sanitation workers dug through the refuse until they found the garbage bag with the ring in it. (AP)

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Surprise Backer for Gay Rights Bill

Mormon church gives blessing to law meant to end discrimination

SALT LAKE CITY | The Mormon church for the first time has announced its support of gay rights legislation, an endorsement that helped gain unanimous approval for Salt Lake city laws banning discrimination against gays in housing and employment.

The Utah-based church's support ahead of Tuesday night's vote came despite its steadfast opposition to gay marriage, reflected in the high-profile role it played last year in California's Proposition 8 ballot measure that barred such unions.

TOM SMART/AP
Michael Otterson announces the Mormon church's position Tuesday in Utah.

"The church supports these ordinances because they are fair and reasonable, and do not do violence to the institution of marriage," said Michael Otterson, the director of public affairs for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Passage made Salt Lake City the first Utah community to prohibit bias based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

Utah lawmakers tend to quickly fall in line when the influential church makes a rare foray into legislative politics, so Tuesday's action could have broad effects.

JENNIFER DOBNER (AP)

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The estimated percentage of political officeholders in Utah who are members of the Mormon church.

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Brown Pelican Soars Back to Life

Creature to depart endangered list after 39 years of protection

WASHINGTON | Much like its death-defying dives for fish, the brown pelican has resurfaced after plummeting to the brink of extinction.

Interior Department officials on Wednesday said that they were taking the bird off the endangered species list, after a nearly four-decade struggle to keep the brown pelican population afloat.

The bird now prevalent across Florida, the Gulf and Pacific coasts, and the Caribbean was declared an endangered species in 1970, after its population — much like those of the bald eagle and peregrine falcon — was decimated by the use of the pesticide DDT. The chemical, consumed when the pelican ate tainted fish, caused it to lay eggs with shells so thin they broke during incubation.

WILFREDO LEE/AP FILE

After hovering near extinction for decades, the brown pelican is thriving in the U.S.

The pelican's recovery is largely due to a 1972 ban on DDT, coupled with efforts by states and conservation groups to protect its nesting sites and monitor its population, Interior Department officials said.

"Today we can say the brown pelican is back," said Interior Secretary Ken Salazar in a conference call with reporters in Washington. "Once again, we see healthy flocks of these graceful birds flying over our shores. The brown pelican is endangered no longer."

DINA CAPPIELLO (AP)

Retired Justice's Husband Dies

WASHINGTON | John J. O'Connor III, the husband of retired Supreme Court justice Sandra Day O'Connor, has died. The court said that O'Connor, 79, died Wednesday of complications arising from Alzheimer's disease.

O'Connor

John O'Connor, a lawyer, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's nearly two decades ago. His condition deteriorated in mid-decade and when she announced her retirement in 2005, the justice cited the need to care her husband. (AP)

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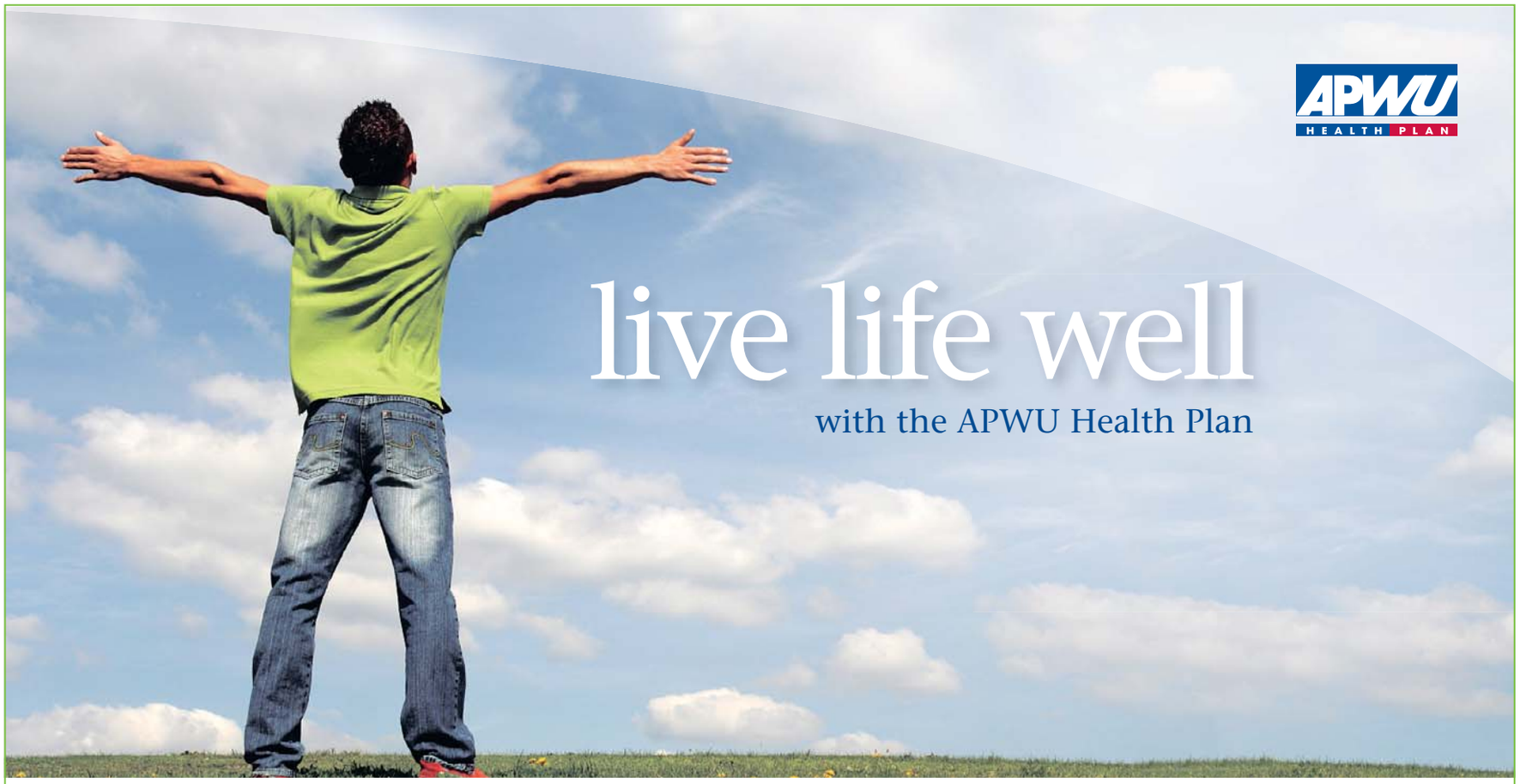

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World

Afghan Warlords in Power

International pressure mounts for Karzai to reform government

KABUL | Warlords helped drive the Russians from Afghanistan, then shelled Kabul into ruins in a bloody civil war after the Soviets left.

Now they are back in positions of power, in part because the U.S. relied on them in 2001 to help oust the Taliban after the Sept. 11 attacks. President Hamid Karzai later reached out to them to shore up his own power base as America turned its attention to Iraq after the Taliban's rout.

With the Taliban resurging, the entrenched power of the warlords is complicating Karzai's promises to rid his new government of corruption and cronies, steps seen as critical to building support among Afghans against the insurgents.

Two of Karzai's vice presidents — Mohammed Qasim Fahim and Karim Khalili — are ex-warlords. His outgoing military adviser, Abdul Rashid Dostum, has been accused of overseeing the suffocation deaths of up to 2,000 Taliban prisoners during the 2001 U.S.-led invasion.

The term "warlord" is applied to the commanders of the Afghan resistance who fell out with each other after the defeat of the Soviets. They see themselves as patriots who defend their people in areas of the country where the government has little or no control.

Karzai sought support from those branded as warlords to bolster his weak power base, win reelection and build alliances with ethnic groups. He has defended those ties publicly.

But international pressure is mounting on Karzai to rid his government of corruption.

Last week, Kai Eide, the U.N. mission chief in Afghanistan, suggested time was running out. "We can't afford any longer a situation where warlords and power brokers play their own games," he said. "We have to have ... significant reform."

TODD PITMAN (AP)

BODY OF U.S. PARATROOPER FOUND IN AFGHAN RIVER

➜ Military divers have found the body of a U.S. paratrooper who disappeared last week along with another soldier as the two tried to retrieve airdropped aid from a river in western Afghanistan, NATO said.

➜ Relatives said they think Spc. Benjamin Sherman of Plymouth, Mass., died after jumping into the river to try to save his comrade, who was also swept away by the current and is still missing. (AP)

ABBAS MOMANI/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas speaks at a rally commemorating the fifth anniversary of the death of Yasser Arafat in Ramallah, West Bank, on Wednesday.

Palestinians Mourn Leaders' Departures

Crowds mark Arafat's death; Abbas stands by plan to leave office

RAMALLAH, WEST BANK | The tens of thousands of Palestinians who thronged Yasser Arafat's grave Wednesday to mark the fifth anniversary of his death had a lot more to mourn than just their late leader.

Arafat's dream of an independent state seems as distant as ever with the Palestinian government in deep crisis and the rival Hamas cementing its hold on Gaza. Arafat's successor, President Mahmoud Abbas, appears to have hit a dead end, and the Palestinians are at a loss as to how to find a way out of the morass.

Abbas took office with great promise after Arafat's death five years ago. But he is so fed up with the lack of progress that he has vowed to step down, something that could bring the collapse of the Palestinian government. He says he cannot restart peace talks with Israel until the Jewish state stops building settlements in areas where the Palestinians hope to establish their future state.

"We did what was required of us and carried out our obligations and gave peace a historic precious chance," Abbas said at a memorial service, surrounded by supporters. "But we see Israel taking land and building settlements."

Abbas said he would stick to his decision to leave politics after January elections, despite pleas from world leaders to remain in office. He chastised the international community for failing to force the Israelis to honor their past pledges to stop settlement.

"This is ... the use of double standards," he said. (AP)

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The Copacabana beach in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, is seen during a blackout on Tuesday night. The blackout lasted up to four hours and left 60 million in the dark.

Brazil: Weather Caused Blackouts

Energy minister says electrical problem left 60 million in the dark

RIO DE JANEIRO | Heavy rain and strong wind caused blackouts that left nearly a third of Brazilians — 60 million people — in the dark, officials said Wednesday as they scrambled to restore confidence in the country's infrastructure before soccer's 2014 World Cup and Rio's 2016 Olympics.

The weather made transformers on a vital high-voltage transmission line short-circuit, Brazil's energy minister said. Two other transmission lines also went down as part of a safety mechanism.

"The problem was exclusively with the transmission lines," Energy Minister Edison Lobao said.

The blackout cut electricity to 18 of 27 Brazilian states and left them without power for up to four hours Tuesday night. About 7 million people also lost water service. All of Paraguay briefly lost power.

The massive Itaipu dam on the border with Paraguay — the world's second-largest hydroelectric power producer — was completely shut down for the first time in its 25-year history.

In Brazil's largest cities of Rio and Sao Paulo, people were trapped in elevators, stranded on commuter trains or stuck in sweltering apartments during unusually hot spring temperatures that have hit the 90s.

"I wonder how this could have happened and am worried about what it does to Brazil's image, especially with the World Cup and Olympics coming up," said Wesley Aragao, a 24-year-old sailor in Rio. "Nobody likes to be left in the dark." BRADLEY BROOKS (AP)

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New Dino Could Be Missing Link

Discovery in S. Africa may offer clues about creatures' evolution

JOHANNESBURG | A newly discovered dinosaur species that roamed the Earth about 200 million years ago may help explain how the creatures evolved into the largest animals on land, scientists in South Africa said Wednesday.

The Aardonyx celestae was a 23-foot-long small-headed herbivore with a huge barrel of a chest. It walked on its hind legs but also could drop to all fours, and scientists told reporters that that could prove to be a missing evolutionary link.

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Fossils from the Aardonyx celestae are shown in Johannesburg, South Africa.

This is a species "that no one has seen before and one that has a very significant position in the family tree of dinosaurs," said Australian paleontologist Adam Yates.

AP

23 feet

The length of the AARDONYX CELESTAE, shown in an image above, discovered in South Africa.

6 feet	its height at the hip
1,100 lbs.	its weight
10	its age at death

Yates, who is based at the University of the Witwatersrand's Bernard Price Institute for Paleontological Research, led the research with a number of other local and international scientists.

Their findings were published Wednesday in the Proceedings of the Royal Society B, a London-based peer-reviewed journal.

The Aardonyx celestae species dates back to the early Jurassic period. It shares many characteristics with the plant-eating herbivores that walked on two legs, Yates said. But the new species also has similar attributes to dinosaurs known as sauropods, or brontosaurs, that grew to massive sizes and went about on all fours with long necks and whip-like tails. CELEAN JACOBSON (AP)

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End of interview.

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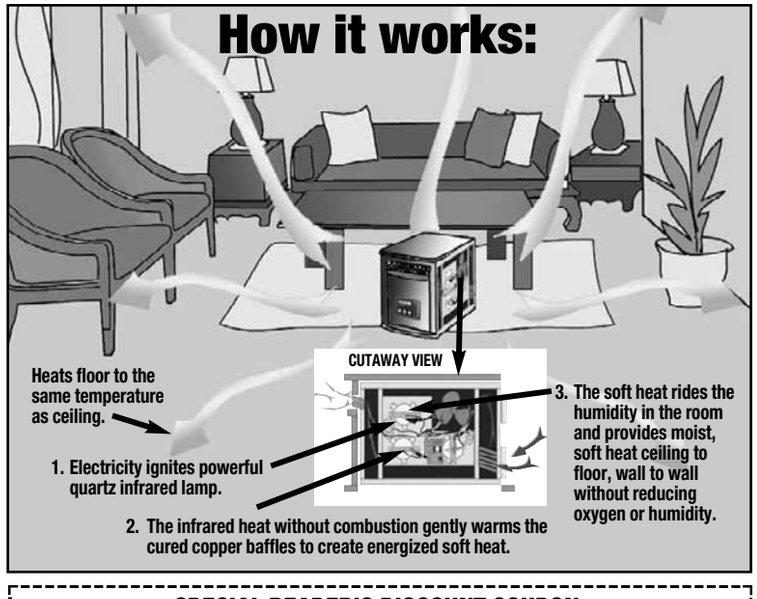

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D.C. AIDS Funding at Risk

HUD may cut federal dollars due to lack of oversight for program

WASHINGTON | The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, worried about widespread lapses in oversight of the District's AIDS program, is threatening to cut off $12.2 million in federal funding next year if the problems are not fixed.

Assistant Secretary Mercedes Márquez said HUD will send a letter to the city this week stipulating that no new AIDS housing money will be awarded unless the D.C. Department of Health's HIV/AIDS administration makes the changes that HUD has been demanding for years.

Márquez also wrote last week to D.C. Mayor Adrian M. Fenty, a Democrat, saying she was "deeply concerned" about a recent Washington Post series that found the HIV/AIDS administration has paid more than $25 million to nonprofit groups that delivered substandard care or failed to account for their spending.

> **"It is absolutely unacceptable that any ... person suffers as a result of [D.C.] not being able to manage taxpayer dollars."**
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> **MERCEDES MÁRQUEZ**, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE U.S. DEPT. OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Many were housing groups funded with HUD money, including one that received more than $400,000 to renovate a job training center that three years later has never opened. Márquez said the city potentially violated more than 60 HUD requirements.

"It is absolutely unacceptable that any single person suffers as a result of the District not being able to manage taxpayer dollars," Márquez said earlier this week. "This is where they pushed it to: No new money until you fix this."

HUD officials said this is the first time in the housing program's 18-year history that money is being withheld from a city based on poor performance. DEBBIE CENZIPER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

washingtonpost.com | SIDWELL STANDS UP TO PROTESTORS

CAROL GUZY/TWP

DROWNED OUT: Protesters from the controversial Westboro Baptist Church in Kansas stand with signs on Wisconsin Avenue across the street from Sidwell Friends School as students hold a counter-protest Monday. Since the first daughters' arrival at the school in January, there have been two protests. Administrators said there were just two protests in Chelsea Clinton's four years at the school. | ✣ **Obama Influence:** Sidwell in the spotlight: **washingtonpost.com/local.**

TRANSIT Zippity Do Dah The University of Virginia will soon have Zipcars zooming across campus. The Charlottesville school says the national car-sharing company will offer six self-service Zipcars to faculty, staff and students age 18 and older. The cars will include Honda Insights and Civics, and will be available around the clock starting on Nov. 17. (AP)

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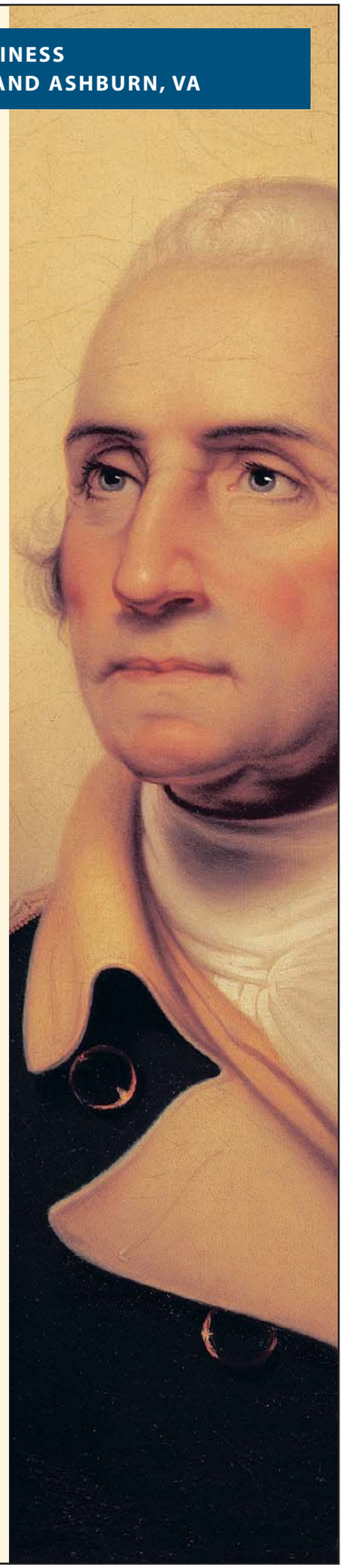

Local

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The Potomac Conservancy says a mixture of chemicals is likely responsible for health problems in fish. A report says fish may be changing sexes as a result.

Report: Toxic Stew Brews in Potomac

Group says pollutants alter development of fish in area waterway

Pollutants that mimic natural hormones have created a "toxic stew" in the Potomac River, altering the sexual development and the immune systems of fish, a local nonprofit group warned in a report Wednesday.

In its third annual "State of the Nation's River" report, the Potomac Conservancy focused on concerns first raised in 2003, when fish began dying in large numbers in Potomac tributaries such as the Shenandoah River.

As scientists investigated those fish kills, they found that male bass around the Potomac watershed were growing eggs.

The report says it appears that chemicals — it's still not certain which ones — in the water are interfering with the hormones that guide development in the fish.

It said that potential suspects include animal hormones from manure, washing off farm fields in the rain, or human hormones and pharmaceuticals that are flushed out with treated sewage.

The report said it's also unclear what these chemicals mean for the health of people in the Washington area, where the Potomac is the original source of much of the region's tap water. DAVID A. FAHRENTHOLD (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Lotteries

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Mid-day Pick 4	7-1-7-9
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Mid-day Pick 4	0-0-2-1
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Evening Lucky Numbers (Tues.)	2-4-4
Mid-day DC 4	0-4-7-9
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Terps Ready to Tackle High Hopes

Experienced UMd. squad poised for deep run in NCAA tourney

TERPS MEN'S HOOPS | A year ago, Gary Williams took a small Maryland team with only one senior to the second round of the NCAA tournament.

Before he got there, the fiery coach endured a home loss to Morgan State, a 41-point thrashing at Duke and harsh criticism from columnists and fans for supposedly allowing the program to deteriorate since it won the national championship in 2002. Come March, Williams was completely vindicated.

"That was one of the most rewarding teams that I've ever coached," he said recently. "What we did at the end of the year, in terms of our dedication to being good and our ability to bounce back from some tough things, was very gratifying to me."

This season, Williams has a totally different kind of team. Eight of the top nine players are back, including seniors Greivis Vasquez, Eric Hayes and Landon Milbourne. Just as important, 6-foot-10 freshman Jordan Williams and 6-8 freshman James Padgett are expected to provide Maryland with a much-needed presence in the front court.

Williams' job this season is to make sure the Terrapins live up to high expectations by breaking into the Top 25 and moving deep into the NCAA tournament.

"The one thing you learn in coaching is nothing's automatic. Just because you return a lot of guys, that doesn't mean we're just going to walk out on the court and all those things are going to happen," Williams said. "I have to grind it as a coach and we have to make sure the guys understand that the more you win, the more individual things you receive as a basketball player."

ROB CARR/AP

"[Last season] was one of the most rewarding teams that I've ever coached."

GARY WILLIAMS, MARYLAND COACH

Vasquez, a 6-6 guard, appears to have bought into the credo. As a junior, he became the first player to lead the Terrapins in points (17.5 per game), assists (five) and rebounds (5.4) in the same season. He flirted with the idea of entering the NBA draft but opted to tend to unfinished business at Maryland.

Vasquez figures the better the Terrapins fare, the higher he goes in the draft. "It's not about me. It's about the whole team," he said. "If we win games, my name's going to be there."

A year ago, the Terrapins needed someone like Vasquez, who was brash enough not to back down at Duke, North Carolina or anywhere else in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

He intends to be a bit more under control this year, mainly because he won't have to carry the team on his own.

"I think it's going to be fun. The competition level is better. The guys, they want to be better than me," Vasquez said of his teammates. "When you have guys that want to kick your butt in practice no matter who you are, that's when you become a good team." DAVID

Two

The number of seniors on Maryland's team last season; despite this, the team made it to the second round of the NCAA tournament.

8 of 9

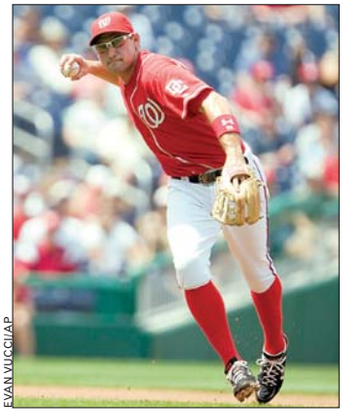
The number of players returning from last year's successful squad, including star Greivis Vasquez.

HOOPS '09-'10: MARYLAND

LAST SEASON: With just one senior on the roster, the Terps finished the regular season 20-13, and beat California in the first round of the NCAA tournament before losing to No. 2-seeded Memphis in the second round.

THIS SEASON: The team has eight of its top nine players back, but 6-10 freshman Jordan Williams and 6-8 freshman James Padgett look to add some youthful exuberance to a team with three starting seniors.

KEY PLAYER: Senior guard Greivis Vasquez returns as the team's leader from last year, averaging 17.5 points per game and five assists per game.



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Ryan Zimmerman led NL third basemen with 459 total chances and 325 assists.

Zimmerman Awarded Gold Glove

Honor is first in his career, history of Nationals franchise

NATIONALS | Nationals third baseman Ryan Zimmerman won the first Gold Glove award of his career and the first in the Nationals' history on Wednesday.

Zimmerman led all NL third basemen with 459 total chances and 325 assists, and was a fixture of the "Web Gems" segment of ESPN's "Baseball Tonight."

He also led all big-league third baseman with an 18.1 UZR, or ultimate zone rating — an advanced metric that measures the number of runs a player saves or lets in, above or below an average player.

"It's a huge honor," Zimmerman said on ESPN News. "[The Gold Glove] is one of the biggest individual awards you could get."

The last player in franchise history to win a Gold Glove was shortstop Orlando Cabrera in 2001, when the franchise was known as the Montreal Expos; the last (and only) Washington player to win a Gold Glove before Zimmerman was catcher Earl Battey for the 1960 Senators.

DAVE SHEININ (THE WASHINGTON POST)

CAPITALS **Maybe, Maybe Not** Washington Capitals coach Bruce Boudreau says Alex Ovechkin's continued improvement from a left shoulder strain has been so remarkable that Boudreau listed the two-time MVP as "questionable" for this weekend's games. Boudreau said, "But you never know, because he's getting so much better on a daily basis. If [head athletic trainer Greg Smith] gives me the word that he's OK to play, I got to believe I'm not going to sit him." (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Sports

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Safety Chris Horton had surgery to repair ligament damage on his toe Wednesday. The second-year player had risen from a seventh-round-pick to starter this season.

Redskins' Horton Put On Injured Reserve

Second-year safety to miss rest of season after surgery on toe

REDSKINS | A season ago, safety Chris Horton was one of the team's biggest surprises, making the leap from the seventh round of the NFL Draft to the Redskins' starting lineup. This year, he's just the latest part of a discomforting trend — he is the team's fourth player to be placed on the season-ending injured-reserve list.

As the Redskins prepare for Sunday's game against the Denver Broncos, coach Jim Zorn didn't have much good news as he listed the team's bruised and battered. Horton underwent surgery to repair ligament damage on his toe Wednesday afternoon in Charlotte, running back Clinton Portis missed practice and is "very, very doubtful" to play against Denver, and tight end Chris Cooley will wear a protective boot for at least two more weeks.

The slew of injuries has forced some lineup changes. Zorn said Reed Doughty will replace Horton as the starting strong safety. Doughty had started two games this season and split time with Horton throughout the season.

> **"It's a major setback** because we count on [Horton] so much."
>
> REDSKINS HEAD COACH JIM ZORN

While Kareem Moore will move up the depth chart, Zorn said that free safety LaRon Landry might see a bit of action at Horton's former spot, and cornerback Fred Smoot might also see continued action at safety.

"It's a major setback because we count on [Horton] so much to do so many things, not only as our strong safety but then in special teams as well," Zorn said. "He'll be a big loss." RICK MAESE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

BASEBALL Home Sweet Home Ken Griffey Jr. and the Mariners have agreed to a one-year contract. He will play his 22nd major league season in 2010 since he broke in as a Mariners teenager. (AP)

Sports

In Brief

FOOTBALL

Browns Coach Names Brady Quinn New Starter

Brady Quinn is getting his second chance at starting. Quinn, benched just 10 quarters into the season for Derek Anderson, will start Monday night's game against the Baltimore Ravens. Browns coach Eric Mangini has decided to go back to Quinn after Anderson went 1-4 as a starter and posted the NFL's lowest quarterback rating.

GAIL BURTON/AP

Brady Quinn (10) will get a second shot at starting for the Browns this year.

Mangini would like to stick with Quinn for the remainder of the season. (AP)

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Five Razorback Players Suspended for Opener

The University of Arkansas suspended five players Tuesday, including three athletes identified in a rape complaint that did not result in charges, for violating unspecified team rules. Coach John Pelphrey said guards Courtney Fortson and Stefan Welsh were suspended indefinitely. Guard Marcus Britt was suspended for six games and forward Glenn Bryant for two games, and walk-on guard Nick Mason will not dress for games during the fall semester. (AP)

SWIMMING

Phelps Qualifies for 200M Medley Final at World Cup

Michael Phelps finished second in the 200-meter medley final at the short-course World Cup on Wednesday, struggling in the old-style swimsuit that will become standard next year. Phelps, who won a record eight gold medals at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, clocked 1 minute, 53.93 seconds. He was more than two seconds behind South Africa's Darian Townsend, who won in 1:51.79. "I'm swimming OK," Phelps said, adding his time "wasn't bad." (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

COLLEGE FOOTBALL (7:30 P.M. ESPN) No. 23 South Florida travels to Rutgers for a Big East showdown.

NBA (8:15 AND 10:30 P.M. ON TNT) Lebron James and the Cavaliers head down to Miami to face Dwyane Wade and the Heat. In the late game, the Suns travel to L.A. for a tip-off against the Lakers.

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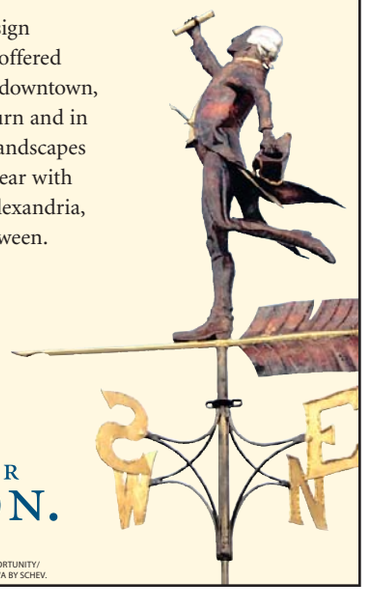

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Sports

Injury Bug Bites Wizards

Team forced to retool with almost entire backcourt out injured

WIZARDS | Clang. Bong. Uh-oh.

Of the three words that may best describe the Wizards' season to date, two are sound effects the basketball makes when it ricochets off the rim. The third is the collective groan each time another Washington player limps to the bench.

It's not as though the 2-6 Wizards are getting overwhelmed. In fact, their opponents are shooting nearly as poorly as they are from the floor. But add in a lack of depth and an egregious number of turnovers and 22-turnover nights — such as Tuesday's loss in Miami — and a team can easily drop five in a row.

Shoulder injuries to Mike Miller and Antawn Jamison, along with Randy Foye's spraining his ankle in the loss to Miami, have resurrected the perennial talk about the franchise's injury jinx.

But the lack of veteran playmakers on the floor has also forced coach Flip Saunders to sport more of a defense-oriented lineup that isn't creating offense for one another. Entering Saturday's game against Detroit, Washington is averaging nearly as many assists (17.5) as turnovers (15.8) per game.

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Fabricio Oberto, left, and Caron Butler help Randy Foye off the court Tuesday.

"When we don't have Mike and we don't have Antawn, what happens is that we have three guys who are role-type offensive players, and it puts so much pressure on Caron [Butler] and [Gilbert Arenas]," Saunders said.

And unit cohesion may not get better quickly. While Arenas contemplated sitting out the game against the Heat with a strained left calf muscle, he changed his mind moments before tip-off and was then forced to play 42 minutes because of the mid-game injury to Foye.

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The Wizards' assists-to-turnover ratio this season. Their opponents average 1.52 in the same category.

With Foye and Javaris Crittenton both nursing leg injuries, and guard Mike James out at least a month with a fractured hand, ESPN reported Wednesday that Washington was considering signing Earl Boykins to provide some backcourt depth.

Another new face on the court in a new offense means the healthy starters have someone else to learn to get comfortable with.

"Guys are seeing guys struggling and somebody comes in and tries to do it on their own, instead of trusting other teammates,"

NBA **Rewarding Honor** Dwyane Wade pleaded for years to join the Jordan Brand family, wanting to wear the shoe his idol made famous. His persistence is being rewarded. When the Jordan Brand releases the long-awaited Air Jordan 2010 in February to commemorate the popular line's 25th anniversary, Wade will debut the shoe. (AP)

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Broken Lizard

CULT COMEDY TROUPE

Broken Lizard's movies work because they're rowdy, vulgar and instantly quotable. With modest big-screen success, "Super Troopers" and "Beerfest" have gone on to live cult-like lives on DVD. Its members — Jay Chandrasekhar, Kevin Heffernan, Steve Lemme, Paul Soter and Erik Stolhanske — met at Colgate University in 1990, where the group formed.

During the 2007 Writer's Guild of America strike, the troupe revisited its indie roots, shooting "The Slammin' Salmon" (out Dec. 11) on its own. In it, the five work at a restaurant owned by a head-case former boxer (played masterfully by Michael Clarke Duncan).

On Thursday night, Broken Lizard returns to the stage with a performance at the Lisner Auditorium. We talked to all five members in a six-way phone interview.

> "I think it's fun to be a fan of ours because you feel like you discovered it."
>
> —JAY CHANDRASEKHAR

Where did the idea for "The Slammin' Salmon" come from?

HEFFERNAN: A couple of the guys — Jay, Steve and Erik — waited tables together in New York City on the Upper East Side. I think from there they started collecting funny stories while waiting on tables. ... We ended up putting together this plot basically because we were writing "Beerfest" at the time and we wanted to put together an idea for a lower-budget alternative movie.

Jay directed the first four films; how was it different with Kevin?

HEFFERNAN: I wore a suit every day — that was my thing — so I was very pulled together in that way, like Alfred Hitchcock.

STOLHANSKE: A lot of crying, though; he had a lot of crying.

How was working with Duncan?

HEFFERNAN: We weren't sure of his comedy background. He had done "Talladega Nights" recently, and so Jay talked to Adam McKay, director of "Talladega," to see if he handled the comedy really well. He had nothing but positive things to say about Michael, but we didn't even know until the first day he showed up on set — he was incredible. His improvisational skills were amazing.

Can you confirm or deny the rumor that "Super Troopers 2" is happening?

CHANDRASEKHAR: We're three drafts into it, so, yes, we're going to make that one. ... It will pick up after the first ended.

Why return to the stage?

HEFFERNAN: We started as a live group. We started at Colgate University, and we did live shows. We moved to New York and did live shows. It was always something we enjoyed.

And characters from your past films are part of the live show?

LEMME: We're doing a "Super Troopers" sketch; we do a "Beerfest" sketch — fan-friendly type of audience participation.

Do you like your cult status?

CHANDRASEKHAR: I think it's fun to be a fan of ours because you feel like you discovered it.

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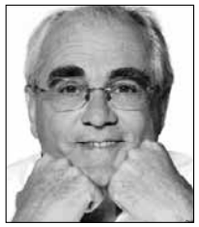

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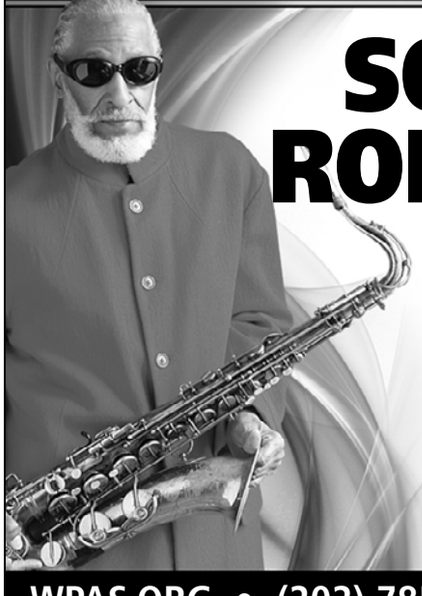

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England's Gallows put the beatdown on the state of the world

MUSIC | "Grey Britain" is a boot in the nads. There's really no other way to describe the second album by Gallows, a snarling punk quintet from England who mix Motorhead-like riffs with a rage that's born of working-class British bile.

While the group's first record, 2006's "Orchestra of Wolves," was a rousing affair, mixing the spastic energy of Refused with the hard-rock romping of the Stooges, Gallows' major-label debut, "Grey Britain," is a collection of protest songs that are as polished as they are pissed. The record is crushing and catchy, with heavily tattooed singer Frank Carter declaring war with every spat word, as guitarists Laurent "Lags" Barnard and Carter's younger brother, Steph, riff like Angus and Malcolm Young would if they played punk instead of metal boogie.

"'Orchestra of Wolves' was written on a very personal basis," said Steph Carter. "All the songs were written about ... what's going on with the band, whereas 'Grey Britain' is a social commentary of what's going on around us. We've traveled the world; we've seen the world now in all its glory and all its disarray. ... The first [record], nobody had seen anything."

COURTESY WARNER BROS.

Gallows uses ferocious drive, insight and rage to fuel its punk-derived songs.

Gallows have been on the road virtually nonstop since "Grey Britain" came out in May — which is why the rough-and-tumble Carter bros still live at home with mum.

"Because of how much we're on tour, it seems completely pointless for me to get my own place," Steph said. "If I'm going to throw money away, I'd rather ... give it to my mom. She's given me everything."

CHRISTOPHER PORTER (EXPRESS)

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Texas noisemakers White Denim write eclectic garage rock that's built to last

MUSIC | White Denim drummer Josh Block can't really describe the band's recording process. He mentions sonics and feels and structures, but really, it's not as serious as all that, Block insists.

"It's a lot of us giggling at ideas," he admits. "Really, if we were, like, kind of laughing and having a good time and laughing at a few ideas, we kind of roll with that."

And for the Texas band, there's a lot of experimentation going on during all that chuckling — from garage rock to acid blues to jazz, the group dabbles in different genres both in and out of the studio, Block said.

Whether it's on the band's first EP, 2007's self-released "Let's Talk About It," or its latest full-length, October's "Fits," the band — which performs Saturday at the Rock and Roll Hotel — has a way of throwing styles together in a seamless way that has publications like NME, the Guardian and the Independent crying perfection.

But Block says the group, which was born out of two other bands in 2005, doesn't really think about all those labels. Once Block, James Petralli and Lucas Anderson of previous band Parque Touch recruited Steve Terebecki of the band Peach Train at a show in Austin four years ago ("We gave him a fake business card and told him to call us"), they continued Parque Touch as a foursome, with the primary goal of doing whatever the hell they wanted.

"We didn't really have a chance to do rock 'n' roll before this," Block said. "I played a lot of jazz and pop and stuff in Dallas and wasn't getting to play with too many rock bands, and I think the whole point of that band was to not give a f---.

AUBREY EDWARDS

The veteran musicians in White Denim chose the band name because it sounded like "the worst thing we could come up with."

> "WE WON'T PERFORM THE RECORD. WE PERFORM THE SONGS. ... WE FIND THE RELATIVE PARTS OF A LOT OF OUR MATERIAL, AND THEN TRY TO MAKE THEM ALL MAKE SENSE TOGETHER."

That kind of attitude worked really well for the first six months, and we really just got completely hammered on the weekends. ... It wasn't hard to come together conceptually, because the concept was just to have a blast."

But after Anderson moved to Russia in 2006, the band decided to keep going as a trio — and rename itself White Denim. "The worst thing we could come up with," Block says. Since then, they've settled into a system that allows guitarist and lead singer Petralli to dream up ideas first and then come to the rest of the band for more input and guidance. And they never define the band as producing anything other than rock.

"We don't really have a home," Block says of the group's various musical influences and styles. "We're into sonics, and I think that's where we try to make a record cohesive — like, sonically and conceptually — and it kind of starts in how we want it to feel and how we want it to sound. Instead of approaching it like, 'Let's make a record that sounds like these guys and these guys,' or, 'I really think '60s surfing is ironic, let's do a '60s record'; we don't do that. I don't think we could ever approach it like that."

Instead, the group members follow their gut instincts — and whatever Petralli thinks of on his porch, Block says. After Petralli brings that stuff in, the rest of the band applies their "own feel to it" and usually ends up putting together three or four songs "that really glue together well," Block explains. "It will kind of show us the direction we're going, instead of us showing it, and the process snowballs from there."

> There's a lot of experimentation going on, from garage rock to acid blues to jazz.

But if you're seeing White Denim at the Rock and Roll Hotel on Saturday with Brazos, don't expect to hear Denim's recorded material played exactly as you hear it on its albums, Block warns.

"We won't perform the record," he says bluntly. "We perform the songs, but it's basically two medleys, maybe three medleys, is the set. ... We find the relative parts of a lot of our material, and then try to make them all make sense together."

And after the tour wraps up, White Denim is headed back to the studio and to the "constant demo-ing" that drives the band's recording style — though it's currently bouncing around ideas and working on multiple EPs, it's going to take a break to focus on a "really cohesive idea" of Petralli's, Block says.

Until then, though, the group is still taking side trips into various musical genres — and its T-shirts are no exception. ROXANA HADADI

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COURTESY OLIVIA MANCINI

With her band, the Mates, Olivia Mancini, right, has grown from making country-inflected pop to a diverse array of sounds.

The State of Mates

D.C. rock musicians Olivia Mancini and the Mates are forging their indie destiny

LOCAL HEROES | Olivia Mancini and the Mates had what singer-rhythm guitarist Mancini calls "the fake CD-release party" over the summer, so Saturday night's Black Cat gig is billed as "The Real Deal CD Release" for the quintet's guitar and harmony-heavy "You Can See the Mountains From Here."

Her goal is "the big Mates family comes home to roost," which means bringing sister Julia Mancini and Ed Donohue down from New York for harmony vocals and lead guitar, respectively. That's good news for bassist Kristin Forbes, who normally bears the brunt of the live harmonies, far more so than Mancini did during her previous gig as bassist with Washington Social Club.

While the new CD is more musically diverse than its country-inflected predecessor, "This Kind of Life," the best tracks emphasize the personal with sing-along pop melodies and wry sense of humor. "Get Real Low" is an infectious slice of '60s girl-group heaven with a "Twist and Shout" closing and a litany of advice for would-be indie rockers ("Start it in a basement/'Cause that's where it might end.") Mancini calls it "a cautionary tale, but it's also about why you do it in the first place."

> **"In lieu of** a record label, I'm the person saying, 'OK, new recording every year!'"

"Easy Way" is a rollicking conversation about Mancini's Type B personality; the song's catchiness comes both from the "Sweet Jane"-ish riff it's built upon as well as Mancini's not going the easy "ode to slackerdom" route. Slackerdom isn't the Mates' M.O. anyway, as Mancini admits: "In lieu of a record label, I'm the person saying, 'OK, new recording every year!'"

And speaking of new material: "I'm trying to hold myself back at this show from introducing new songs, but we are hoping to get some kind of new recording out next summer."

Mancini's sister and Donohue can record their parts for the next EP from New York, although she figures Julia will be "a little easier to pin down, because she has to show up for family stuff." Plus, she can always invoke a higher authority: "Mom, my music career is suffering; Julia's not pulling her weight!" PAUL STELTER

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COURTESY PATTY LAING

Composer-pianist Michel Legrand, right, with Quebec singer Mario Pelchat.

MUSIC | Great French composer (and arranger, conductor and pianist) Michel Legrand has written some of the Western canon's most indelible — and incurably romantic — music for singers and for films.

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LIONSGATE

Gabourey Sidibe and Mo'Nique in "Precious," a harrowing film by Lee Daniels based on a harrowing book ("Push") by Sapphire.

Achieving Liftoff

Lee Daniels mines a brutal story to find something 'Precious'

FILM | "Precious" is Lee Daniels' film adaptation of the novel "Push," which tells of a Harlem teen's coming of age despite virtually impossible living conditions. The character (played by newcomer Gabourey Sidibe) is grimly overweight, has one child with Down syndrome and is carrying another. The father is her own father. She seeks alternative schooling at Each One Teach One, where she meets a teacher (Paula Patton) who helps her to believe in, and unlock, her potential. The film has been championed by Oprah Winfrey and Tyler Perry, but has also resonated across demographics, due in no small part to shattering performances by Mo'Nique, Sidibe and Patton. Express spoke with Daniels and Patton.

What was your goal in directing "Precious"?

DANIELS: I didn't want to manipulate the audience. I knew the audience would expect that — the story is actually very manipulative. But "Precious" is so outrageous and so bold and in your face. ... We found humor, more character in that story.

How did you do that?

DANIELS: Finding the humor is where we're not manipulated. We expect a maudlin lead character. She finds out she has AIDS and next scene, she's actually laughing about something else. She's real.

What inspired you to tell this story?

DANIELS: My mother was like, "Something happened to you! Why can't you make a movie like Tyler Perry? What did I do to you?" I made this movie for her.

PATTON: I was inspired by my mother. She's a retired high school teacher in Los Angeles. My husband and I were at a party with Lee. And my husband, Robin [Thicke], read the script before I did and said, "You have to do this."

What's the reaction been like?

DANIELS: Tyler [Perry] saw it. He'd been a specific audience. So was Miss Maybelle from church. But with them comes a preconceived notion. I opened myself up and talked about my own life, my insecurities. We don't rehearse. At all. The words are magically executed. Before I yell action, we're on the same syllable. We know each other so intimately.

PATTON: The performances are just mind-blowing. It's some of the best work I've ever seen. Gabourey Sidibe is brilliant. She changed the way she walked, the way she talked. I wanted to be this character and interact with the other characters, not tackle an issue.

This film breeds love. You will fall in love with Precious. You'll look at your own life in a new way. It's a love letter to our mothers and schoolteachers, our unsung heroes.

CHRISTOPHER ROY CORREA

➜ *Area theaters, oepns Fri.*

Indies&Arties

BAYVIEW ENTERTAINMENT/WIDOWMAKER

The original Astro Boy, called the Mighty Atom in Japan, comes to the Freer.

Saving the Day

Manga and anime fans are abuzz over the Freer Gallery's glittering showcase "Osamu Tezuka: God of Manga, Father of Anime," celebrating the creator of the pint-size hero the Japanese call Mighty Atom but we know as Astro Boy. On Friday at 7 p.m., author of "The Astro Boy Essays" Frederik Schodt talks about Tezuka and his creation. On Saturday, Schodt appears alongside Helen McCarthy, author of many books about Tezuka and manga; and Ada Palmer, founder of tezukaineng-lish.com, for a discussion after the 2 p.m. screening of "The Film Is Alive: Osamu Tezuka Filmography."

→ FREER GALLERY, JEFFERSON DRIVE & 12TH STREET SW; SERIES RUNS THROUGH DEC. 13, FREE TICKETS DISTRIBUTED ONE HOUR BEFORE EVENT TIME; 202-633-4880, ASIA.SI.EDU (SMITHSONIAN)

The Outsider

Fears of atomic mutation, the corrosive power of conformity and scapegoating, and the softening lens of fantasy combine in Joseph Losey's 1948 allegory "The Boy With Green Hair." The film stars a very young Dean Stockwell as the kid whose hair color stirs up wrath and paranoia in his town. It screens at the National Gallery of Art as part of the museum's Losey retrospective.

→ NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART, 400 CONSTITUTION AVE. NW; SAT., 4 P.M., FREE; 202-842-6799, NGA.GOV. (ARCHIVES-NAVY MEMORIAL)

Space Cowboys in Space

Indie filmmaker Cory McAbee's surrealist absurdity goes West on 'Stingray Sam'

DVD | The visuals may be vaguely reminiscent of David Lynch's early work. But the world of Stingray Sam is culled entirely from the strange mind of Cory McAbee, the New York-based writer, director, actor and composer whose 2001 film, "The American Astronaut," premiered at Sundance to much acclaim.

Like "Astronaut," "Stingray Sam" is a space Western filled with insider humor, musical numbers and hand-painted special effects.

McAbee wrote, directed and stars in the film, and he wrote and performed all of the music. If this sounds like an exercise in self-indulgence, that's because it is, but it's the best kind. McAbee follows through on every creative impulse and explores his bizarre vision to the fullest. If you can accept his eccentric premise, it's a wild romp through the cosmos.

COURTESY CORY MCABEE

Writer-director-composer-star Cory McAbee dances in the role of Stingray Sam.

The film is divided into six episodes, recalling classic TV Westerns such as "Rawhide," but pushed to absurd extremes. The Quasar Kid is the standard quirky sidekick, but he has an unsettling habit of eating olives by the handful. Sam and the Kid have a secret handshake, but it takes nearly two minutes to finish. McAbee pushes the idea of a male-dominated intergalactic world by positing that men have found a way to have children without the aid of women, conveniently eliminating the need for a female romantic interest.

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Throughout the film's episodes, Stingray Sam and the Quasar Kid never miss an opportunity to burst into song and dance about most anything — Mars, genetic engineering, the sandman — and the tunes (which sound like They Might Be Giants collaborating with Quentin Tarantino) won't soon leave your head.

In the end, "Stingray Sam" succeeds because of its odd exuberance and pure originality.

"Stingray Sam" is available digitally and on DVD at corymcabee.com. RYAN LITTLE

Take 10

THE WASHINGTON POST'S FILM CRITICS TACKLE THIS WEEK'S BOX-OFFICE TOP 10

1 | Disney's A Christmas Carol

The holiday classic gets a manic makeover that is antic, scary, sweet and, in the end, slightly soulless. MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN

2 | Michael Jackson's This Is It

This rehearsal film will leave Jackson's fans waiting for goose bumps that never arrive. CHRIS RICHARDS

3 | The Men Who Stare at Goats

For much of this genial if frustratingly shallow movie, viewers will no doubt try to figure out where real-life wackiness ends and artistic license begins. ANN HORNADAY

4 | The Fourth Kind

This unintentionally silly thriller about alien abduction uses a mix of "actual" and reenacted footage. MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN

5 | Paranormal Activity

This genuinely chilling, low-budget indie is purposely amateurish but disturbing. JEN CHANEY

6 | The Box

"The Box" asks the audience to accept as morally complicated the question of whether they would kill someone for a million dollars, when most sentient humans would answer "no." ANN HORNADAY

7 | Couples Retreat

"Couples Retreat" coasts on comic fumes, relying on foreign accents, racial stereotypes and Speedos to supply the funny. DAN ZAK

IMAGE MOVERS

The makers of "Polar Express" adapt that film's technology to "A Christmas Carol."

8 | Law Abiding Citizen

This is a preposterous exercise in high-minded brutality. DAN KOIS

9 | Where the Wild Things Are

Spike Jonze's richly imagined universe will please those who understand that adaptations destroy as much as they build. ANN HORNADAY

10 | Astro Boy

Despite its mid-20th-century pedigree and its sci-fi setting, "Astro Boy" is a movie of today — despite an ecological message, it can get loud and violent. MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN

WeekendPass | Entertainment

1 How'd They Do That?

No one seems to know much about the enigmatic Markow & Norris, but what's important is public knowledge: These two craftsmen-artists make beautiful pieces out of woven glass. They show their work at Weisser Gallery in Kensington.

➜ *Weisser Gallery, 4080B Howard Ave., Kensington, Md.; opens Sun., through Dec. 6; 301-571-8966, wovenglass.com.*

2 Radio Days

Ah, NPR. Bastion of reasonable discussion and earnest stories. But not this weekend, baby! On Saturday, NPR Without Dignity storms D.C. This aptly named one-time-only event features "Weekend Edition" host Scott Simon; Tom and Ray Magliozzi from "Car Talk," right; and Peter Sagal and Carl Kasell of "Wait, Wait ... Don't Tell Me" for a night of, uh, we're not sure. But it's bound to lack dignity.

➜ *Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center Amphitheater, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; Sat., 7 p.m., sold out; npr.org.*

top stops WEEKEND

STAN BAROUH

3 There Is Nothing Like a Dame

Acclaimed operatic soprano Kiri Te Kanawa hits new heights at the Kennedy Center on Saturday. She'll perform arias and art songs by the likes of Handel, Vivaldi, Liszt, Debussy, Puccini and others with Brian Zeger on piano.

➜ *Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW, Sat., 7 p.m., $35-$110; 202-467-4600, kennedy-center.org. (Foggy Bottom-GWU)*

4 Wear Comfortable Shoes

Woolly Mammoth Theatre morphs from a polite (and often not-so-polite) sit-down theater space into a raucous all-the-building's-a-stage with "Full Circle," Charles Mee's play about a struggle of wills in postwar East Germany. The audience moves from the rehearsal room to the lobby and even the theater itself to experience this exploration of fealty and ideology fully in the round.

➜ *Woolly Mammoth Theatre, 641 D St. NW; through Nov. 29, $40-$62; 202-393-3939, woollymammoth.net. (Metro Center)*

TELL ALL YOUR FRIENDS PR

5 Bedroom Beatmaker

As Deastro, Detroit's Randolph Chabot crafts hallucinatory pop by throwing in everything from barking dogs to plucked guitar strings. His ambient works seem to be built as instrumentals, but the fellow's an ace lyricist as well. Not bad for a kid in his bedroom with a lot of electronics at his fingertips.

➜ *DC9, 1940 9th St. NW; with Max Tundra, Thu., 9 p.m., $10; 202-483-5000, dcnine.com.*

The Scene

Sound

➜ THURSDAY

9:30 Club: Bassnectar, Nosaj Thing, Rex Riddem, 8 p.m., $22.

Blues Alley: Joe Sample, 8 & 10 p.m., $43.

Bohemian Caverns: Funk Ark, 8:30 p.m., $10.

DC9: Max Tundra, Daestro, 9 p.m., $10.

Iota: Paul Sanchez, 9 p.m., $15.

Jammin' Java: Sarah Borges and the Broken Singles, Eilen Jewell, 8 p.m., $12-$15.

Jaxx: The Heathenfest, Eluveitie, Belphegor, Alestorm, Kivimetsan Druidi, Vreid, From the Ashes of My Sins, Gomorrah, 6 p.m., $25.

Kennedy Center, Millenium Stage: Krister Dahlstrom, 6 p.m., free.

The Red and the Black: Math Panda, Jookabox, Born Empty, 9 p.m., $8.

State Theatre: Reckless Kelly, Scott Miller, 7 p.m., $15.

Twins Jazz: Hope, 9 & 11 p.m., $10.

Velvet Lounge: Prisms, Gray Young, the Escape Artist, Hammer No More the Fingers, 9 p.m., $8.

Warner Theatre: Don Henley, 8 p.m., $59.50-$125.

Wolf Trap: Mountain Heart, 8 p.m., $22.

➜ FRIDAY

9:30 Club: Dark Star Orchestra, 8 p.m., $25.

Birchmere: Chris Smither and the Motivators with Paul Cebar, 7:30 p.m., $25.

Black Cat: Slumberland Records 20th Anniversary Show with Crystal Stilts, Brown Recluse, Pants Yell and more, 8:30 p.m., $15.

Blues Alley: Joe Sample, 8 & 10 p.m., $43.

Bohemian Caverns: Lenny Robinson Quartet, 8:30 & 10:30 p.m., $18.

Comet Ping Pong: George Smallwood, 10:30 p.m., $10.

DAR Constitution Hall: Love Train: the Sound of Philadelphia, 8 p.m.

DC9: Liberation Dance Party, 9 p.m., $7.

Dogwood Tavern: Stephanie Cuomo

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WeekendPass

NEW WAVE | SUITS MAKE THE SOUND

ANDREW STRAUSS

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venues

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➜ **BIRCHMERE:** 3701 MT. VERNON AVE., ALEXANDRIA; 703-549-7500, BIRCHMERE.COM.
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➜ **BLUES ALLEY**: 1073 WISCONSIN AVE. NW; 202-337-4141, BLUES ALLEY.COM.
➜ **BOHEMIAN CAVERNS:** 2001 11TH ST. NW; 202-299-0800, BOHEMIAN CAVERNS.COM.
➜ **COMET PING PONG:** 5037 CONNECTICUT AVE. NW; 202-364-0404, COMETPINGPONG.COM.
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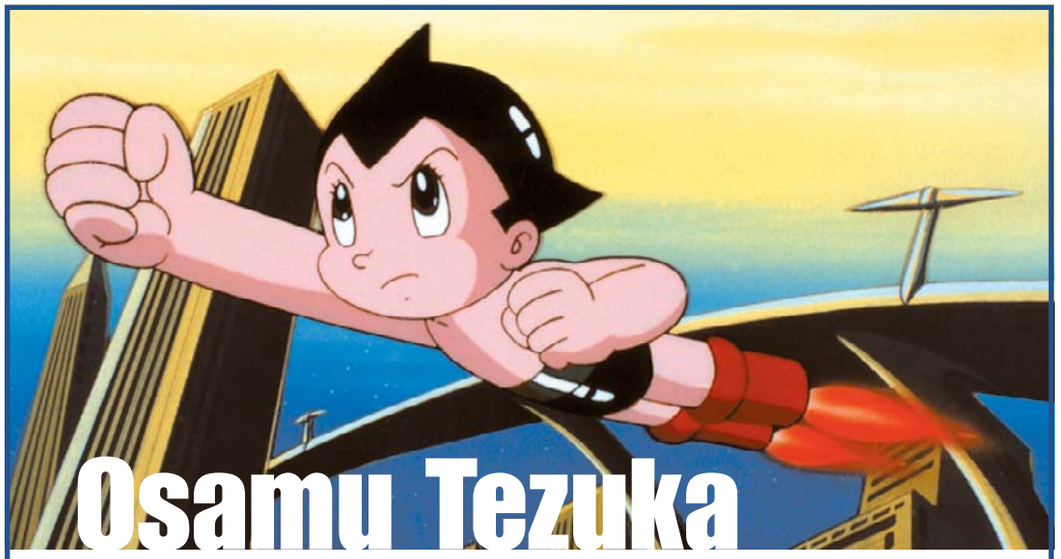

Osamu Tezuka

God of Manga, Father of Anime

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13. 7 PM
Introducing Astro Boy
Frederik Schodt, author of *The Astro Boy Essays*, introduces and discusses four episodes from the TV series that made Tezuka famous.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14. 2 PM
The Film is Alive: Osamu Tezuka Filmography
In person: authors Frederik Schodt, Helen McCarthy, Natsu Onoda Power, and Ada Palmer
(1990, 42 MIN., VIDEO, JAPANESE WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15. 2 PM
Marine Express
In person: Frederik Schodt and Helen McCarthy
(DIRECTED BY TETSU DEZAKI, 1979, 91 MIN., VIDEO, JAPANESE WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20. 7 PM
Prime Rose
(DIRECTED BY TETSU DEZAKI, 1983, 90 MIN., VIDEO, JAPANESE WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22. 2 PM
Tezuka's Short Films
Enjoy a selection of Tezuka's whimsical shorts.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11. 7 PM
1001 Nights
In person: Yoshihiro Shimizu, General Manager, Tezuka Productions. Intended for mature audiences
(1969, 128 MIN., VIDEO, JAPANESE WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13. 2 PM
Tezuka and the History of Anime
In person: Yoshihiro Shimizu, General Manager, Tezuka Productions
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Tezuka Family Weekend

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5. 3:45 PM
The Fantastic Adventures of Unico
(DIRECTED BY TOSHIO HIRATA, 1981, 90 MIN., VIDEO, JAPANESE DUBBED IN ENGLISH)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6. 1 PM
Tezuka on Television
Check out episodes from four of Tezuka's post-*Astro Boy* TV shows.

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TheScene

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and Allida Born., 10 p.m., free.

HR-57: Chuchito Valdes, 9:30 p.m., $20.

Iota: Shortstack, the Doc Marshalls, Anders Parker, 9 p.m., $12.

Jammin Java: Chase Coy, 7 p.m., $10. K-Beta, Uptown XO, Kingpen Slim, 9 p.m., $12.

Jaxx: Young Ace, Red Roz, Mike Major, Matok and Juice, 23rd Street and more, 6 p.m., $10.

Lisner: Yamato: Drummers of Japan, 8 p.m., $25-$45.

The Red and the Black: American Speedway, King Giant, Octane Saints, Scorpion Child, 9 p.m., $8.

Rock and Roll Hotel: Cold Cave, Silk Flowers, Lode Runner, 9:30 p.m., $10.

Strathmore: Joan Osborne, the Holmes Brothers, Paul Thorn, 8 p.m., $22.50-$49.50.

Twins Jazz: Luis Faife Quartet, 9 & 11 p.m., $15.

➜ SATURDAY

9:30 Club: Dark Star Orchestra, Cornmeal, 8 p.m., $25.

Birchmere: Don McLean, 7:30 p.m., $49.50.

Black Cat: Mousetrap, 9:30 p.m., $10. Olivia Mancini & the Mates, Stripmall Ballads, 8 p.m., $8.

Bohemian Caverns: Lenny Robinson Quartet, 8:30 & 10:30 p.m., $18.

Blues Alley: Joe Sample, 8 & 10 p.m., $43.

Comet Ping Pong: Sammy Dee, Solomon Sanchez, Patrick Fonseca, 10:30 p.m., $10.

DC9: Gallows, the Scare, DJ Patrick White, 7 p.m., $18.

Jammin Java: Honor Society, Esmee Denters, 2 & 6 p.m., sold out. Nneka, See-I, 10 p.m., $10.

Lisner: Sara Tavares, 8 p.m., $25-$35.

HR-57: Chuchito Valdes, 9:30 p.m., $20.

Iota: Astrid Williamson, Tony Alany, 9 p.m., $12.

Kennedy Center, Terrace Theater: KC Jazz Club: Stefon Harris and Blackout, 7:30 & 9:30 p.m., $25.

Olney Theatre Center: The Chuck Redd Quartet, 8 p.m., $26.

The Red and the Black: 7 Door Sedan, King Mixer, XMC, 9 p.m., $8.

Rock and Roll Hotel: White Denim, Brazos, My Mind, 9:30 p.m., $12.

Twins Jazz: Luis Faife Quartet, 9 & 11 p.m., $15.

Wolf Trap: Amanda McBroom, 7:30 p.m., $25.

➜ SUNDAY

9:30 Club: Devo, JP Inc., 7 p.m., $45.

Birchmere: Los Lobos, 7:30 p.m., $49.50.

Black Cat: Rakim, Rhymefest, 8 p.m., $25; Neil Hamburger, Daiquiri, 9 p.m., $10 (backstage).

Blues Alley: Joe Sample, 8 & 10 p.m., $43.

Bohemian Caverns: Jazzy Blu, 7:30 p.m., $20.

Comet Ping Pong: The Lights, 10:30 p.m., $10.

DC9: The XX, Jon Hopkins, 9 p.m., sold out.

Iota: Bonjour, Ganesh, 8:30 p.m., $15.

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Jammin' Java: Bill Harley, 2 p.m., $12.
Jaxx: Iris Dvine, Borderline, Catelyst, the 6th Floor, Black Country the Dirty Jacks and more, 2 p.m., $10.
The Red and the Black: Brian Stewart and the Tell-Tale Hearts, Ten Feet Tall, 9 p.m., $6.
Strathmore: Jobari Parker-Namdar, 11 a.m., free-$32.
Twins Jazz: Lovejoy, 9 & 11 p.m., $10.
Velvet Lounge: Ayo Awosika, Will Knox, 9 p.m., $8.

Sight

The Aaron Gallery: "Structures of the Sublime," paintings from Carol Engles, Josh George and Kevin Conklin, through Nov. 15. 1717 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-234-3311, aarongallerydc.com.
Addison/Ripley Fine Art: "Three Seconds With the Masters," photography from James Osher takes classic works of art and reflects upon the nature of viewing art in a contemporary setting, through Dec. 5. 1670 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-238-5180, addisonripleyfineart.com.
Alexandria Black History Museum: "Spirits in a Bottle," a lighthearted bottle-filled exhibit pays tribute to the African tradition, through Jan. Permanent and changing exhibitions highlighting Alexandria's rich history. 902 Wythe St., Alexandria; 703-838-4356, oha.alexandriava.gov/bhrc.
Anacostia Community Museum: "Separate but Unequaled," exhibit highlighting the achievements and success of the early segregated baseball leagues. 1901 Fort Place SE; 202-633-1000, anacostia.si.edu.
Ann Loeb Bronfman Gallery: "Blue Like Me: the Work of Siona Benjamin," one Jewish artist's upbringing in Muslim-heavy India is expressed through painting, through Jan. 29. 1529 16th St. NW; 202-518-9400, washingtondcjcc.org.
Arthur M. Sackler Gallery: "Falnama: the Book of Omens," vividly illustrated manuscripts on the end of days from the Islamic world, through Jan. 24. "Perspectives: Anish Kapoor," curved and elongated metallic sculptures from the Indian sculptor, through Jan. 3. 1050 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-1000, asia.si.edu.
The Art League Gallery: "Boing!," lighthearted abstract paintings from Tory Cowles, through Dec. 7. 105 N. Union St., Alexandria; 703-683-1780, theartleague.org.
Art Museum of the Americas: "Bilat-

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DANCE | MOVE IT

MELANIE JOY WILSON

STRETCH IT OUT: Muscles hurt just watching the moves, but the dancers at the Hip Hop Festival at Dance Place don't let little things like ligaments and gravity slow down their kinetic numbers. The festival runs through Nov. 22.

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eral Engagement," a survey of Washington Sculptor Guild work in honor of its 25th anniversary, through Jan. 15. 201 18th St. NW; 202-458-6016, museum.oas.org.

LAST CHANCE Athenaeum: "Dark Rocco." "The Ripple Effect," work from former students of Bolduan illustrate the balance and tradition of the teacher and pupil, both through Sun. 201 Prince St., Alexandria; 703-548-0035, nvfaa.org.

Civilian Art Projects: "Woods," photography from Terri Weifenbach of local leaved nature. "A Little Give and Take," mixed media constructions from Carole Wagner Greenwood, reception for both Fri., 7-9 p.m., both through Dec. 19. 1019 7th St. NW; 202-607-3804, civilianartsprojects.com.

Conner Contemporary Art: "Cosmopolitan Chicken Art," Belgian conceptual artist Koen Vanmechelen meditates on cultural identity through chicken breeding, through Dec. 31. 1358 Florida Ave. NE; 202-588-8750, connercontemporary.com.

Corcoran Gallery of Art: "Nature as Nation," 19th-century American landscape paintings. "Edward Burtynsky: Oil," 56 mammoth color landscapes from the Canadian photographer explore the effects and impact of the quest for oil, through Dec. 13. "Sargent and the Sea," rare seascape and coastal paintings from John Singer Sargent, through Jan. 3. 500 17th St. NW; 202-639-1700, corcoran.org.

Curator's Office: "An Exact Place," fabrics and Hanji paper play a role in the abstract painting from Jiha Moon, through Dec. 17. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-387-1008, curatorsoffice.com.

David C. Driskell Center: "An American Consciousness: Robin Holder's Mid-Career Retrospective," layered images from Holder deal with political and societal issues with grace and beauty, through Dec. 11. 1214 Cole Student Activities Building, University of Maryland, College Park; 301-314-2615, driskellcenter.umd.edu.

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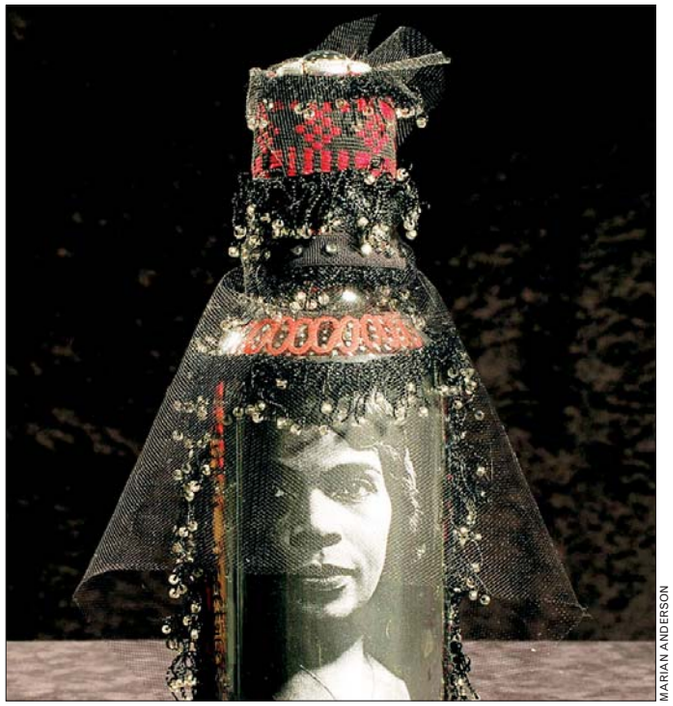

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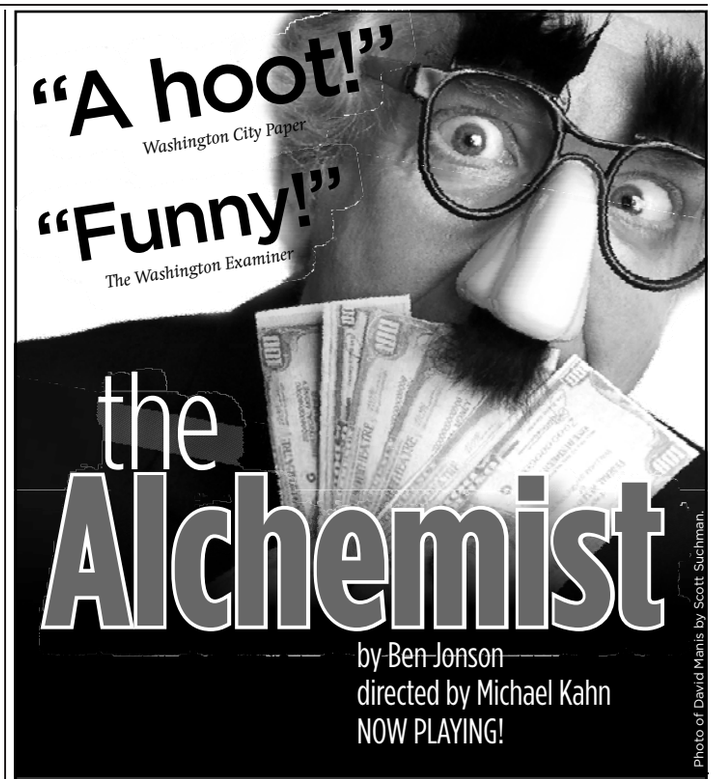

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Embassy of Australia: "Impact by Degrees," eight artists take on different aspects of climate change through video, satellite imagery and installations, through Nov. 20. 1601 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-797-3165, usa.embassy.gov.au.

Embassy of Canada: "Yousuf Karsh at 100: Portraits of Artists," rich surfaces and graceful composition define the Canadian photographer's work, through Dec. 18. 501 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-682-1740, canadainternational.gc.ca/washington.

Embassy of Chile: "Migrations," paintings from Joan Belmar, through Nov. 27. 1732 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-785-1746, embassyofchile.org.

LAST CHANCE Embassy of Finland: "I Kid You Not," a journey into the world behind the success of Finland's children, through Sun. 3301 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-298-5800, finland.org.

Embassy of Japan: "The Art of Transformation," more than 50 color woodblock reprints illustrate the foundation of the Japanese infrastructure and society as a celebration of the first visit of Japanese businessmen to the U.S. in 1909, through Nov. 20. 2520 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-238-6949, embjapan.org.

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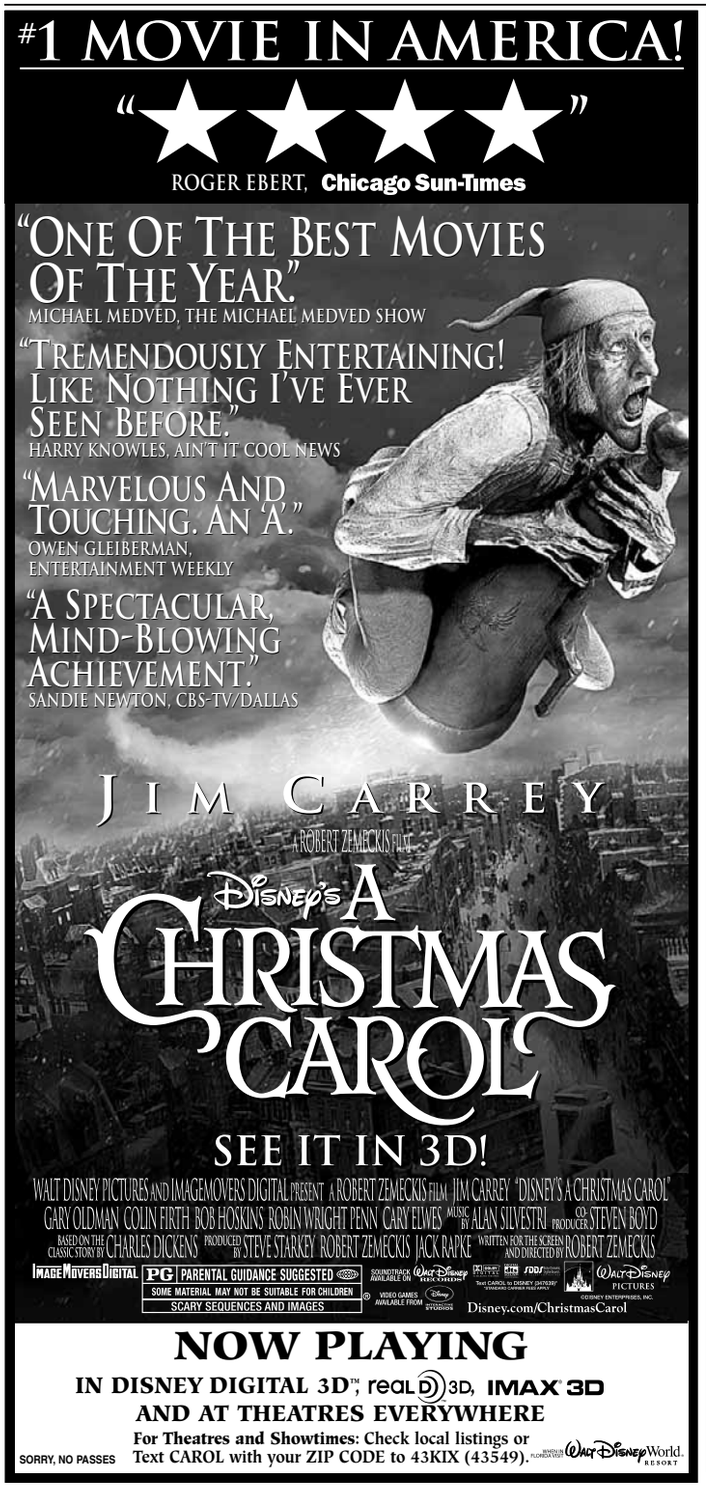

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The Foundry Gallery: "Convergence," abstract paintings and collages from Kathryn Wiley, through Nov. 29, 1314 18th St. NW; 202-.463-0203, foundrygallery.org.

LAST CHANCE Fraser Gallery: "Abra Cadaver," ideas of femininity and childhood development take a twisting and irreverent form in the mixed-media drawings from Andrew Wodzianski, through Sat. 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda; 301-718-9651, thefrasergallery.com.

Freer Gallery of Art: "Texture of Night: James McNeill Whistler," through June 2010. Jefferson Drive & 12th Street SW; 202-633-1000, asia.si.edu.

The Gallery at Flashpoint: "Pacguy," video game-referencing and utilizing art from from Kenny George, through Dec. 12. 916 G St. NW; 202-315-1305, flashpointdc.org.

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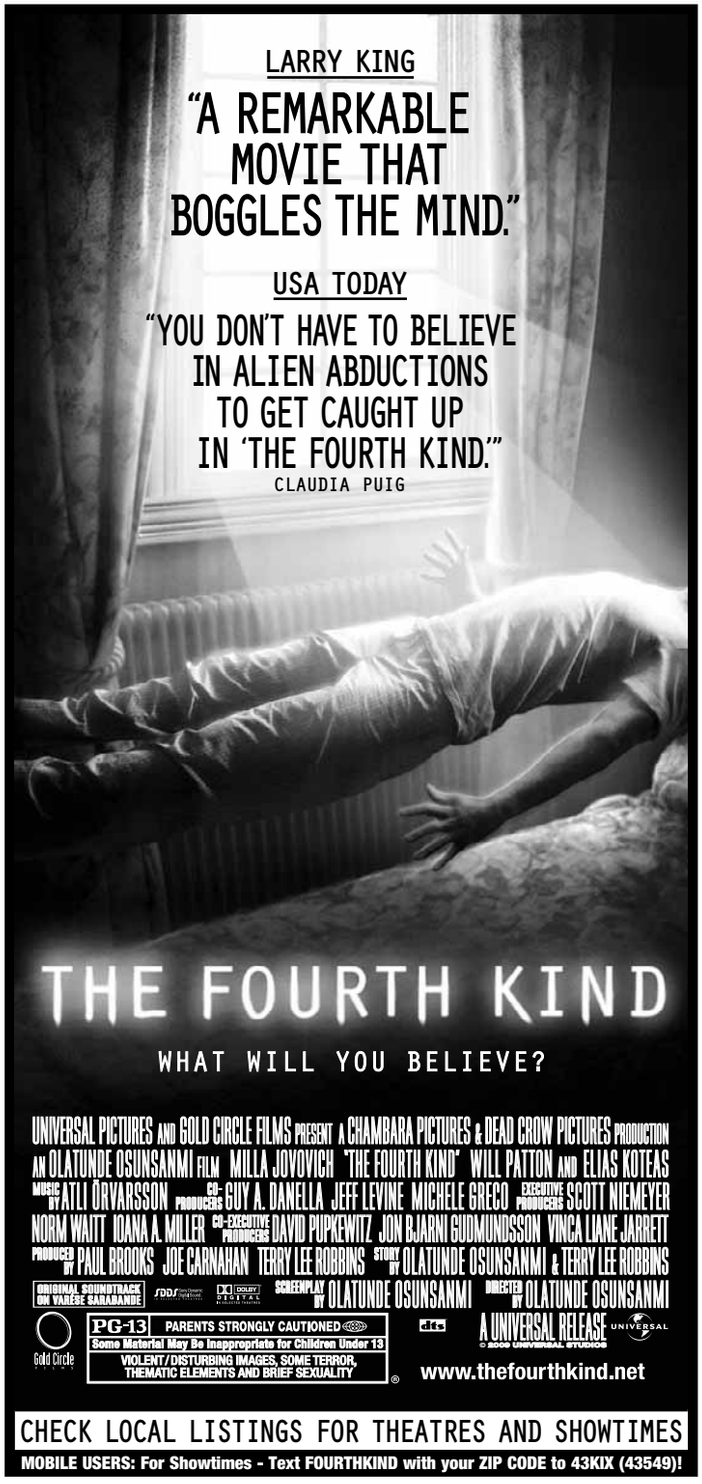

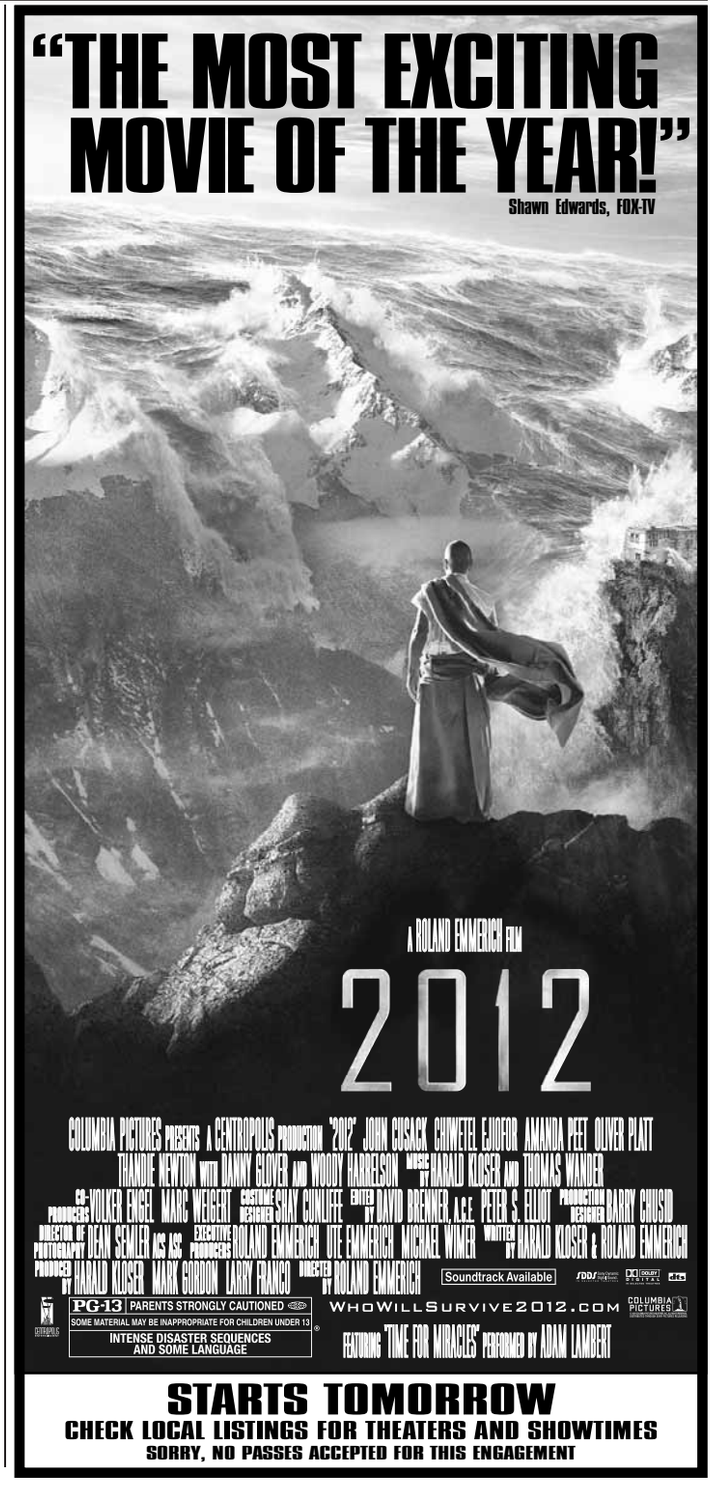

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Rania Hassan," metallic fashion designs from Zipperer meet the knitting-inspired paintings of Hassan, through Nov. 14. 5001 Wilson Lane, Bethesda; 301-718-0809, galleryneptune.com.

Goethe-Institut: "Iconoclash" politically charged icons from the tulmutuous period of transition in post-Berlin Wall Germany, through Jan. 8. 812 7th St. NW; 202-289-1200, goethe.de/washington.

Hemphill Fine Arts: "Economy of Scale," group photography exhibition examines traditional understandings of the space afforded to photography versus painting, through Dec. 23. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-234-5601, hemphillfinearts.com.

Hillyer Art Space: "Ass Against the Wall," sculptures from Martha Jackson Jarvis illustrate points of resistance and endurance that provide patterns to life, through Dec. 12. 9 Hillyer Court NW; 202-338-0680, artsandartists.org.

Hirshhorn: "Strange Bodies: Figurative Works From the Hirshhorn Collection," ongoing. "Anne Truitt: Perception and Reflection," a survey of large-scale work from the artist's 50-year career, through Jan. 3. "Directions: John Gerrard," 3-D installation mixes reality with fiction in a new view of daytime, through May 31. 7th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, hirshhorn.org.

Irvine Contemporary: "Double Down," new stretching ink and gouache paintings from Oliver Vernon, through Dec. 12. 1412 14th St. NW; 202-332-8767,

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The Joan Hisaoka Healing Arts Gallery: "The Real Story of the Superheroes," Dulce Pinzon's photos reflect on the nature of heroism and servitude, through Dec. 28. 1632 U St. NW; 202-483-8600, smithfarm.com/gallery.

Katzen Arts Center: "Culture Warriors," each state and territory in Australia presents the best of its contemporary and indigenous art as a means of preserving culture and history, presented by the National Gallery of Australia, through Dec. 6. "Life With the Berlin Wall," a look through virtual real-

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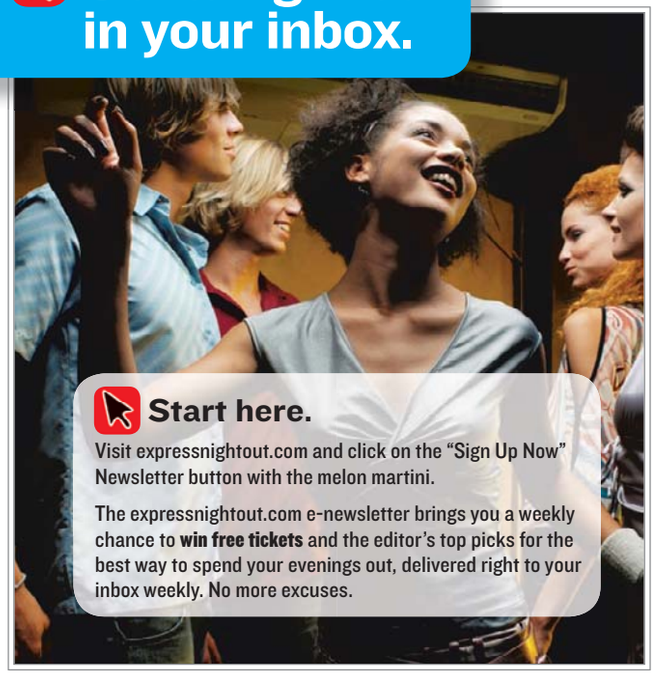

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Koshland Science Museum: Various science-related exhibits including "Global Warming Facts & Our Future," "Lights at Night," "Infectious Disease: Evolving Challenges to Human Health," "Wonders of Science," ongoing. 6th & E streets NW; 202-334-1201, koshlandsciencemuseum.org.

The Kreeger Museum: "Kentridge and Kudryashov: Against the Grain," dramatic and harsh political climates set the foundation for the terse and color-dipped paintings from South Africa's William Kentridge and Russia's Oleg Kudryashov, through Dec. 30; sculpture garden featuring works from the Washington Sculptors Guild, through June. 2401 Foxhall Road NW; 202-337-3050, kreegermuseum.org.

LAST CHANCE Marsha Mateyka Gallery: "Trust Just for Us," haunting and mysterious constructions and watercolors from William T. Wiley, through Sun. 2012 R St. NW; 202-328-0088, marshamateykagallery.com.

Mexican Cultural Institute: "Dialogues in Mexican Photography," showing the best of the Mexican photographic community, through Jan. 30. 2829 16th St. NW; 202-728-1628, instituteofmexicodc.org.

Museum of Contemporary Art: "Heads or Tails," the human form and the model behind that image, through Dec. 5. 1054 31st St. NW; 202-342-6230, mocadc.org.

National Air and Space Museum: "Alan Bean: Painting Apollo, First Artist on Another World," reflections and paintings from the fourth man on the moon; ongoing exhibitions and largest collection of historic aircraft and spacecraft in the world. 6th Street & Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, nasm.si.edu.

National Building Museum: "Storefront Churches," photographs from Camilo Jose Vergara of houses of worship in unorthodox places, through Nov. 29. "Form and Movement," photographs from Phillip Trager explore light and symnetry in the construction of buildings, through Jan. 3. "House of Cars," exploring the relationship between parked cars and humans, through July. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448, nbm.org.

National Gallery of Art, East Building: "Editions With Additions: Working Proofs by Jasper Johns," through Jan. 10; "Alexander Calder"; "The Robert and Jane Meyeroff Collection: Selected Works," through May 2. **National Gallery of Art, West Building:** "The Art of Power: Royal Armor and Portraits From Imperial Spain," armor and its use in maintaining the imperial mystique, through Sun. "Judith Leyster 1609-1660," through Nov. 29. "Robert Bergman: Portraits, 1986–1995," portraits of the street people encountered and shot by the artist on an everyday basis through Jan. 10; "The Darker Side of Light: Arts of Privacy," moody reflections from private 19th-century collections, through Jan. 18; "Renaissance to Revolution: French Drawings From the National Gallery of Art, 1500-1800," through Jan. 31; "Designing the Lincoln Memorial: Daniel Chester French & Henry Bacon" features a plaster final model of the statue, through Feb. "In the Darkroom: Photographic Processes

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➜ *For times, prices and locations visit mortons.com.*

KITCHEN SMARTS

A Pinch of Knowledge

Just in time for the holidays, Jack Bishop, editorial director of PBS' "America's Test Kitchen," is coming to town. Pick up a copy of "The Complete 'America's Test Kitchen' TV Show Cookbook" and learn how to avoid common cooking problems before you attempt to tame that turkey. (DW)

➜ *Politics & Prose, 5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; Nov. 18, 4 p.m., free; 202-364-1919, politics-prose.com.*

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From Dreams to Reality

Two chefs bring their hope to merge Latin and Asian flavors to fruition with Masa 14

SIDE PROJECTS | Many restaurants are one person's longtime dream, but Masa 14, which recently opened just north of Logan Circle, is the combined effort of two chefs already known in D.C. Richard Sandoval of Zengo and Kaz Okochi of Kaz Sushi Bistro have teamed up to create a Latin-Asian, small-plates restaurant that fits in nicely with the influx of new eateries on 14th Street.

"I've known Richard for a long time," Okochi says of how the two decided to partner. "When he opened Zengo in Denver, I was a guest chef, and when he comes to D.C. he comes to my restaurant. We've been talking about doing something together for a long time, but since he's been opening restaurants all over the world, we didn't have a chance."

Okochi says that two more players soon factored into the picture.

"At the same time, Latif [Guler], the owner of Jack's Restaurant, who knows Ivan [Iricanin], the bar manager, had plans to open a restaurant and was trying to find a location," Okochi says. "Ivan used to work for Richard, and it all just kind of came together — Latif, Ivan, Richard and me."

Guler is the general manager, and Iricanin is the bar manager. Okochi and Sandoval are the executive chefs, and they designed the menu together. Dishes are executed by chef de cuisine Antonio Burrell, who previously cooked at Commonwealth Gastropub.

Okochi says that to find Burrell, he and Sandoval had to interview "quite a few candidates."

"We have this concept of Latin-Asian, and it's not easy to find someone who has been cooking this type of food — it's not like French or Italian," he says. "But the most important thing is a passion for food and somebody who has a good palate and common sense."

To create the menu, Okochi and Sandoval "did a lot of tasting, and spent time in Zengo and in my restaurant," Okochi says. "We spent a good amount of time discussing and trying and changing and tweaking."

The menu is divided into hot and cold. Cold means sushi hand rolls such as a vegetarian wrap made with sweet tofu, pickled cucumber and basil, or salads and ceviche. Hot dishes include flatbreads with toppings like wild mushrooms or Serrano ham and cantaloupe, meat dishes such as pork belly al pastor tacos and seafood items such as grilled baby octopus with chimichurri.

Masa 14 has a large bar/lounge area — at 65 feet, it's one of the longest bars in D.C. The drink menu features an extensive tequila list (along with create-your-own tequila flights), signature drinks like strawberry lemonade — made with vodka, fresh strawberry puree and lemon juice — along with sake, wine and beer.

On a budget? Try Masa 14 during happy hour weekdays from 5 to 7 p.m. Dishes such as the spicy tuna and vegetarian hand rolls, crispy chicken wings and edamame are $4, as are traditional margaritas and mojitos and other drinks. AMY CAVANAUGH

➜ *1825 14th St. NW, 202-328-1414, masa14.com. (U St.-Cardozo)*

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At 65-feet, Masa 14's bar provides more than enough space for patrons to throw back as much tequila as they can swallow.

Where Latin and Asian flavors meet crispy, light spring rolls aren't far behind.

Masa 14 gets an "A" for presentation with its delicately designed small plates.

Tequila is plentiful at Masa 14, which touts an extensive tequila list along with create-your-own tequila flights.

Simmer Down Now, Y'all

The Deen brothers' newest book shows folks how to slow it down Southern style

STEADY | Avoid the hustle and bustle this hoilday season. "Take It Easy" with the Deen boys. (Yes, they're TV chef Paula's kids). Here are a few tips from big brother Jamie on how to coast through everyday meals and major feasts.

Are you avoiding cooking thicker cuts of meat to save time?
No, we've got meat loaves and two-inch pork chops.

Where are you cutting the time?
That starts at the grocery store. None of the ingredients require a trip to a specialty store. You can get them all at your local supermarket and put everything together in 45 minutes or less — except the chapter that's on slow cookers.

How exactly does a slow cooker speed things up?
Fill it up with an affordable piece of meat, let it cook slowly while you're at work, and when you get home you can cook some rice. All of a sudden, you've got slow-cooked pot roast.

Do any recipes venture away from your Southern background?
There are some new things, but using a lot of coastal flavors. We grew up in southwest Georgia, and being here in Savannah for the last 20 years has opened us up to crab cakes and different shrimp dishes.

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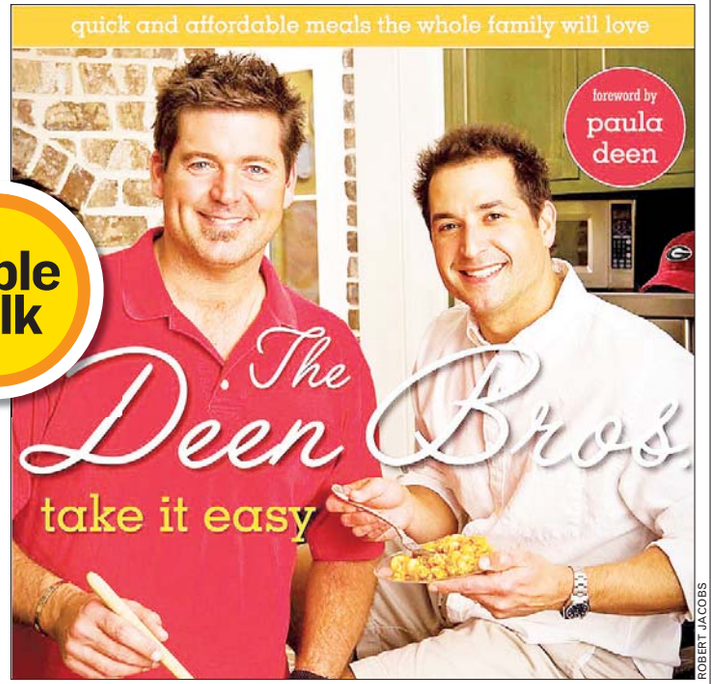

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Yeah, I noticed.
We've got a lot of shrimp in this book, like black pepper shrimp and shrimp and grits — one of my favorites. Grits are so good. Make a quick little sauce and put your shrimp on top. A couple of well-placed garnishes on that dish and it really looks like a super high-end thing that you can do really quickly.

Any tips or must-have tools that will help folks "Take It Easy"?
We've got a list of simple ingredients to keep at your house so you always have something to go to. Also, if you're having people over and you want to serve something for a party we recommend that you cook it one time beforehand so you don't have any surprises. You know, take it easy and don't get yourself stressed out. It's just dinner. DARONA WILLIAMS (EXPRESS)

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National Geographic: "Polar Obsession," photographs from the frigid and chilling arctic world, through Feb. 15. "National Geographic Image Collection," best of the magazine's storied collection, through April 15. 1145 17th St. NW; 202-857-7588, nationalgeographic.com/museum.

National Museum of African Art: "Artful Animals," a family-friendly exhibition looks into Africa and its animals, through Feb. 21, 950 Independence Ave. SW; 202-633-4600, africa.si.edu.

National Museum of American History: The newly light-filled space contains an array of ongoing exhibitions, including "The Scurlock Studio and Black Washington: Picturing the Promise," through Feb.; "The Star-Spangled Banner: The Flag That Inspired the National Anthem"; "On the Water: Stories From Maritime America"; "Bon Appetit! Julia Child's Kitchen at the Smithsonian"; and many more, permanent collection. 14th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000, americanhistory.si.edu.

National Museum of the American Indian: "IndiVisible: African-Native American Lives in the Americas," 20-panel exhibition focuses on the relation between African American and Native American people, through May 31. Displays about the history and culture of American Indians, permanent collection. 4th Street and Independence Avenue SW; 202-633-1000, nmai.si.edu.

National Museum of Natural History: "Dig It! The Secrets of the Soil," through Jan. "Since Darwin: The Evolution of Evolution," the history and timeline of one of the most influential scientific theories, through July 18; "Farmers, Warriors, Builders: The Hidden Life of Ants," the quiet and and powerful impact of some of nature's smallest creatures, through Oct. 10; "Written in Bone: Forensic Files of the 17th-Century Chesapeake," through Feb. 2011, other permanent exhibitions. 10th Street & Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000, mnh.si.edu.

National Museum of Women in the Arts: "Hard Copy, Book as Sculpture," 15 artist craft books that blend the line between paper and sculpture, through Jan. 17. 1250 New York Ave. NW; 202-783-5000, nmwa.org.

National Portrait Gallery: "One Life: Thomas Paine, the Radical Founding Father," through Nov. 29. "Presidents in Waiting," through Jan. 3, "Portraiture Now: Communities," the individual members of small towns and families come alive through the individual portraits, through July 5. "Outwin Boochever Portrait Competition," through Aug. Other permanent exhibitions, 8th & F streets NW; 202-633-1000, npg.si.edu.

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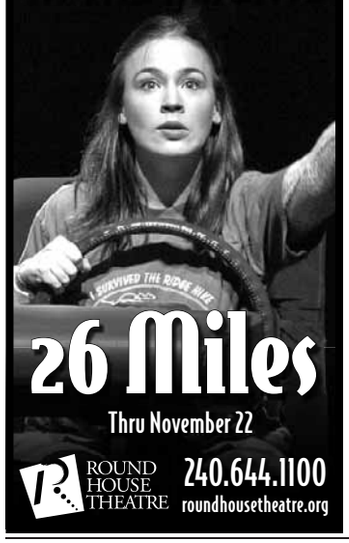

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Newseum: "Manhunt: Chasing Lincoln's Killer," how developments in journalism helped the pursuit of John Wilkes Booth, through Feb. 28. "Woodstock at 40: The Rise of Music Journalism," photographs, artifacts and coverage from the seminal event, through Oct. 31. "G-Men and Journalists," a history of media coverage and the FBI, both through Dec. 31, "Athlete: the Sports Illustrated Photography of Walter Iooss," Nearly 50 years of documenting the world of sports from one of the greatest photographers," through Dec. 31, ongoing permanent exhibitions illustrating the role of a free press in a free society. 555 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 888-639-7386, newseum.org.

The Phillips Collection: "Man Ray, African Art and the Modernist Lens," iconic photos that recontextualized African art and revolutionized photography, through Jan. "Brain Storm," stunning video installation from Jennifer Wen Ma, through Jan. 3. 1600 21st St. NW; 202-387-2151, phillipscollection.org.

Renwick Gallery: "Staged Stories: Renwick Craft Invitational 2009," Christyl Boger, Mark Newport, Mary Van Cline and SunKoo Yuh handle ceramic and fiber past traditional limits of functionality and focus on the narrative qualities of their material, through Jan. 3; "Grand Salon — Paintings From the Smithsonian American Art Museum," permanent. 1661 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-633-2850, americanart.si.edu/renwick.

Reyes + Davis: "Poseidon Project Part I," hanging sculptures from Barbara Josephs Liotta, through Nov. 27. 923 F St. NW; 202-255-5050, reyesdavis.com.

Smithsonian American Art Museum: "1934: A New Deal for Artists," paintings spawned from the first federally funded program for the arts, through Jan. 3. "The Honor of Your Company Is Requested," President Abraham Lincoln's inaugural ball, through Jan. 18. "What's It All Mean?" retrospective of the paintings and work of William T. Wiley, through Jan. 24. Permanent collection, ongoing. 8th & F streets NW; 202-633-1000, americanart.si.edu.

Stamp Gallery: "Toppled," multi-dimensional media mixes in Jessica Vaughn's examination of the role of movement in the exploration of race, politics and myth, through Dec. 18. 1222 Stamp Student Union, University of Maryland, College Park; thestamp.umd.edu/gallery.

Studio Gallery: "Madonnas Assembled," life's complexities illustrated through simple drawings and sculptures from Elena Stamberg. "Abstrac-

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LAST CHANCE Studio H Gallery and Workshop: "Solo Show," oil paintings from Sarah Griffin Thibodeaux dabble with nudes, landscapes and portraits, through Sat. 408a H St. NE; 202-468-5277, studiohdc.com.

The Textile Museum: "Recent Acquisitions," the top new additions to the museum, through Jan. 3; "Contemporary Japanese Fashion: The Mary Basket Collection," through April 11. 2320 S St. NW; 202-667-0441, textilemuseum.org.

Torpedo Factory: "Projections: Line on Land," drawings from Renee van der Stelt reflect and shape the perception of space, through Nov. 29. 105 N. Union St., Alexandria; 703-838-4565, torpedofactory.org.

U.S. Botanic Garden: "African-American Gardens: Places of the Spirit." Permanent exhibitions of more than 4,000 plants and a tropical rain forest. 100 Maryland Ave. SW; 202-225-8333, usbg.gov.

U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum: "A Dangerous Lie: Protocols of the Elders of Zion," "State of Deception: The Power of Nazi Propaganda," "Remember the Children: Daniel's Story," alongside other poignant exhibitions of artifacts, photographs and oral histories from the Holocaust era. 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place/15th St. SW; 202-488-0400, ushmm.org.

The Walters Art Museum: "Heroes: Mortals and Myths in Ancient Greece," statues, vases, jewelry and other art, on loan from various museums, combine to discuss the meaning of heroism, through Jan. 3. 600 N. Charles Street, Baltimore; 410-547-9000, thewalters.org.

Washington Printmakers Gallery: "Cones n' Tones," soft prints from Anne McLaughlin borrow from universally soothing themes and expand them into striking canvass reflections, through Nov. 29. 1732 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-332-7757, washingtonprintmakers.com.

Washington Project for the Arts: "Influence = Convergence," bent metallic and curving sculptures from Minna Newman Nathanson meet the rune-like paintings of Chilean artist Joan Belmar, through Nov. 25. 2023 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-234-7103, wpadc.org.

Washington Sculptors Group: "With These Hands: the Sculptures of Sy Gresser and Bill Taylor," two area sculptors' work shows at the University of Maryland's University College, through Dec. 15. 3501 University Blvd. E. Adelphi; 301-955-7937, washingtonsculptors.org.

Stage

26 Miles: Mother and estranged daughter take a feel-good road trip across the U.S. in this comedy, through Nov. 22, $25-$60. Round House Theatre, 4545 East-West Hwy, Bethesda; 240-644-1387, roundhousetheatre.org.

Adding Machine: A Musical: Based on Elmer Rice's 1923 story, one desperate man snaps into violence when he's laid off, through Nov. 15, $57-$71. Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; 202-332-3300,

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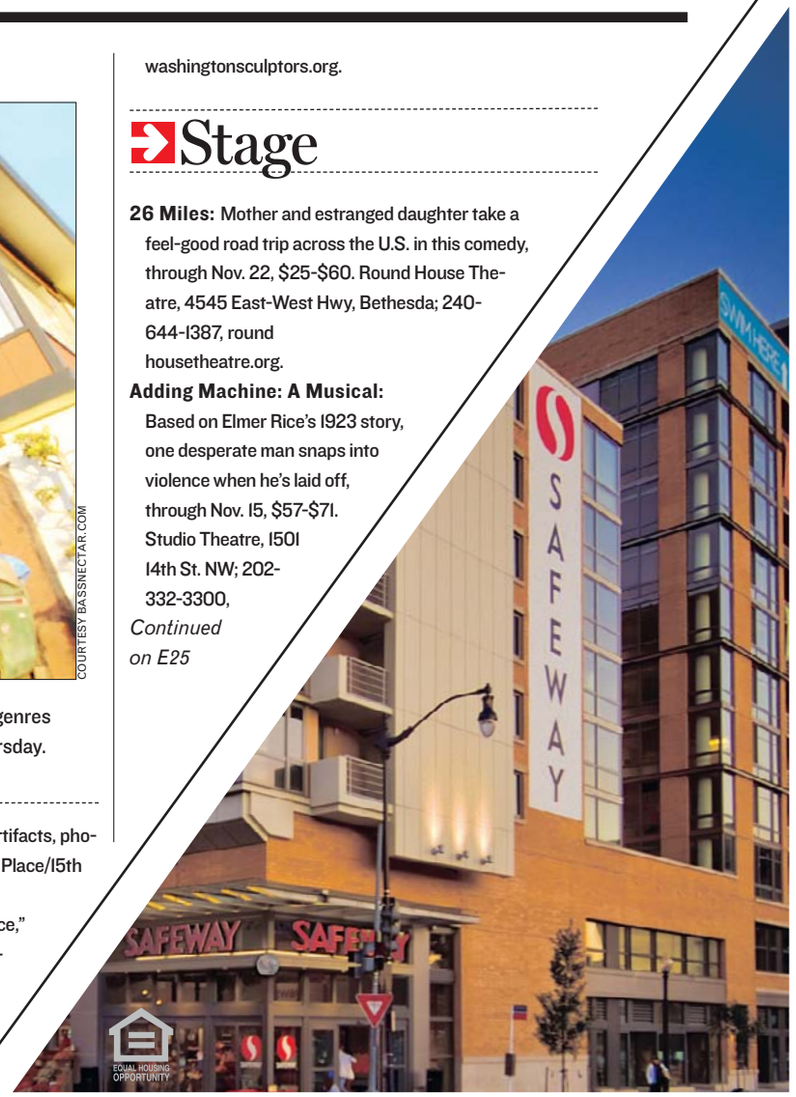

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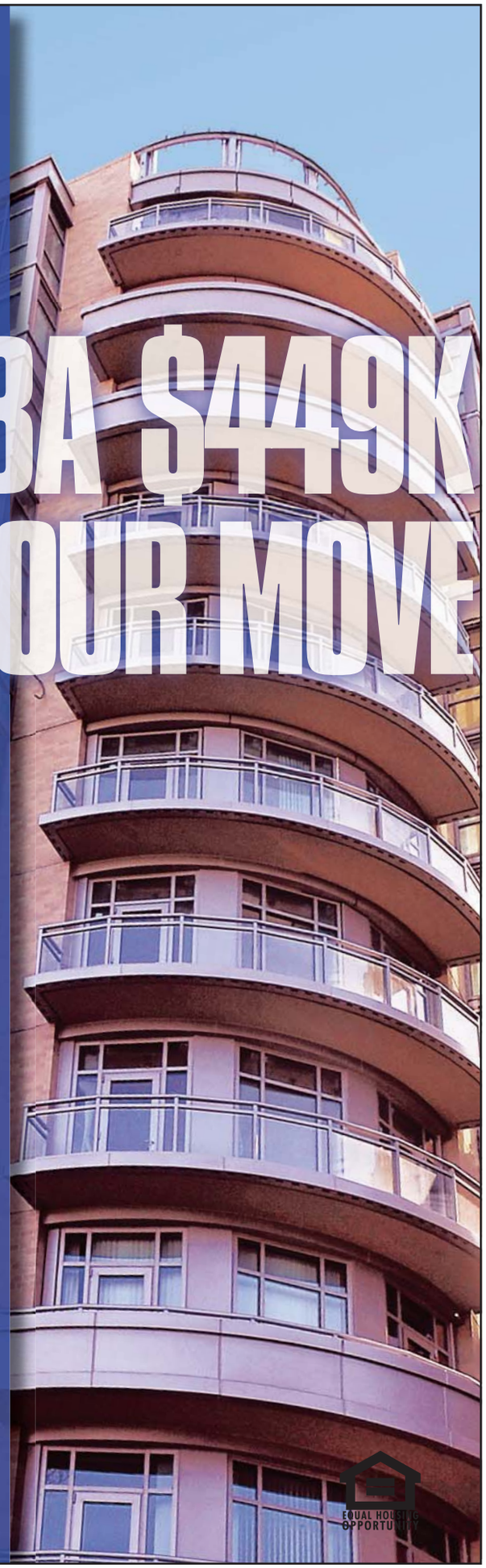

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LAST CHANCE A Flea in Her Ear: One pair of missing suspenders ignites this comedic romp of romantic affairs and jealous spouses from Constellation Theatre Company, through Sat., $20-$25. Source Theatre, 1835 14th St. NW; 800-494- 8497, sourcedc.org.

Agnes of God: One act of violence places a nun and the surrounding political and religious authorities into an intense discussion on the nature of science and religion, through Nov. 14, $10. DC Arts Center, 2438 18th St. NW; 202-462-7833, dcartscenter.org.

A Streetcar Named Desire: Tennessee Williams' smoldering New Orleans-set drama allows Cate Blanchett, Joel Edgerton and Robin McLeavy to shine, through Nov. 21, sold out. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 800-444-1324, kennedy-center.org.

Angels in America: A Gay Fantasia on National Themes, Millennium Approaches: Part one of Tony Kushner's expansive look into the pain and struggle of the AIDS conflict is presented by Forum Theatre, through Nov. 21, $25. Round House Theatre, 8641 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; 240-644-1100, roundhousetheatre.org.

A Piece of My Heart: A tender look at the women who served and sacrificed in the Vietnam War, through Nov. 21, $26-$32. Mount Vernon Place United Methodist Church, 900 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 703-998-4555, americancentury.org.

Ariadne Auf Naxos: Strauss' playful melodies are highlighted in this comedic tale from the Washington National Opera, through Nov. 13, $50-$300. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 800-444-1324, kennedy-center.org.

LAST CHANCE Barrio Grrl!: This kid-friendly musical finds a spunky 9-year-old— and her imaginary friend — fighting to save her barrio, through Sun., $15, Kennedy Center, Family Theatre, 2700 F St. NW; 800-444-1324, kennedy-center.org.

SUNDAY ONLY Boen McCauley Dance: intense choreography highlights the stunning artistry of this dance company in a special free performance, 6 p.m., free. Kennedy Center, Millennium Stage, 2700 F ST. NW; bmdc.org.

Charlotte's Web: One talented pig returns to the stage in this adaptation of E.B. White's classic children's tale, through Nov. 22, $13. Laurel Mill Playhouse, 508 Main St., Laurel, Md.; 301-617-9906, laurelmillplayhouse.org.

Disco Pigs: A frenetic look into the pounding birthday night of two teenagers in Cork, Ireland, through Dec. 5, $20. Solas Nua, 916 G St. NW; 800-494-8497, solasnua.org.

LAST CHANCE Dracula: Vampire love returns to its source in Synetic's erotic theatrical take on Bram Stoker's classic tale, through Sun., $35-$40. Rosslyn Spectrum Theater, 1611 N. Kent St., Arlington; 800-494-8497, syneticheater.org.

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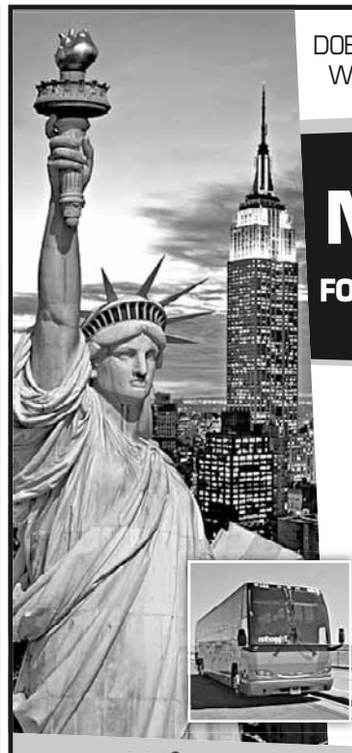

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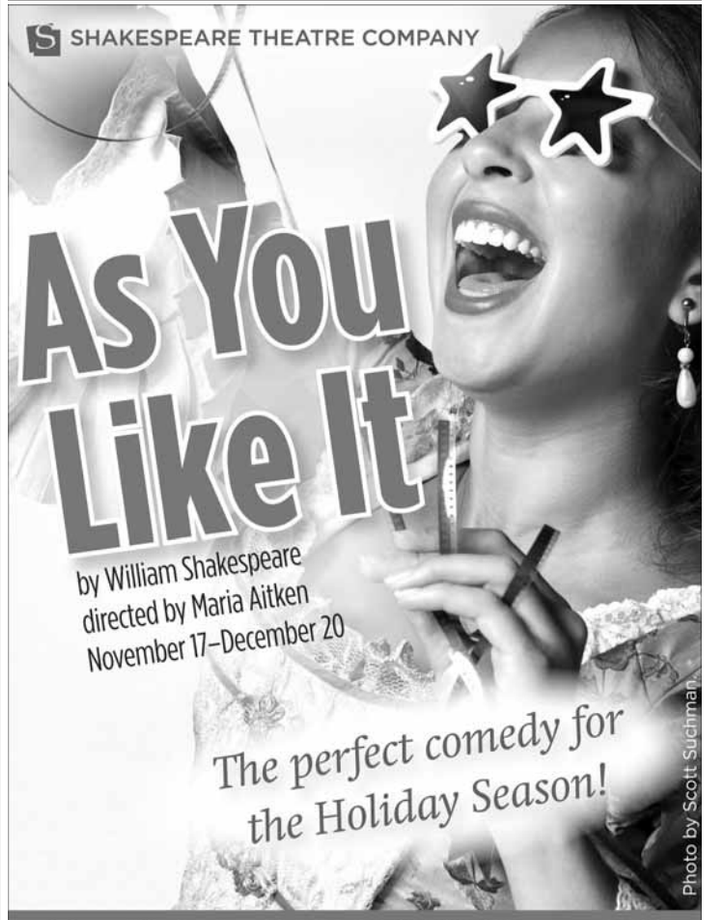

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Jersey Boys: The Tony Award-winning, song-filled story of four average kids and their journey to rock 'n' roll stardom, through Dec. 12, $51-$215. National Theatre, 1321 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 202-628-6161, nationaltheatre.org.

K.T. for Prez: One upstart 6-year-old girl shoots for the top in this family-friendly play, through Nov. 22, $12. Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive. Arlington; 202-333-7009, chartertheater.org.

Lie With Me: An unflinching look into the harsh and twisted world of one family, brought together at the deathbed of a mother, through Nov. 22, $25-$28. Theatre on the Run, 3700 South Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington; 703-228-1850, chartertheatre.org.

Lost in Yonkers: Neil Simon's Pulitzer Prize- and Tony Award-winning story of the pains of growing up in America strays from Broadway, through Nov. 29, $30-$55. Theater J, 1529 16th St. NW; 800-494-5287, theaterj.org.

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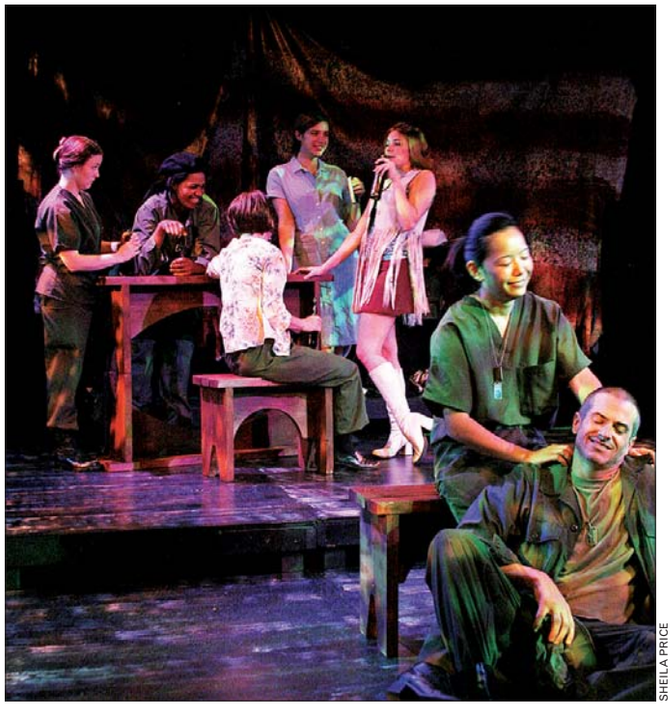

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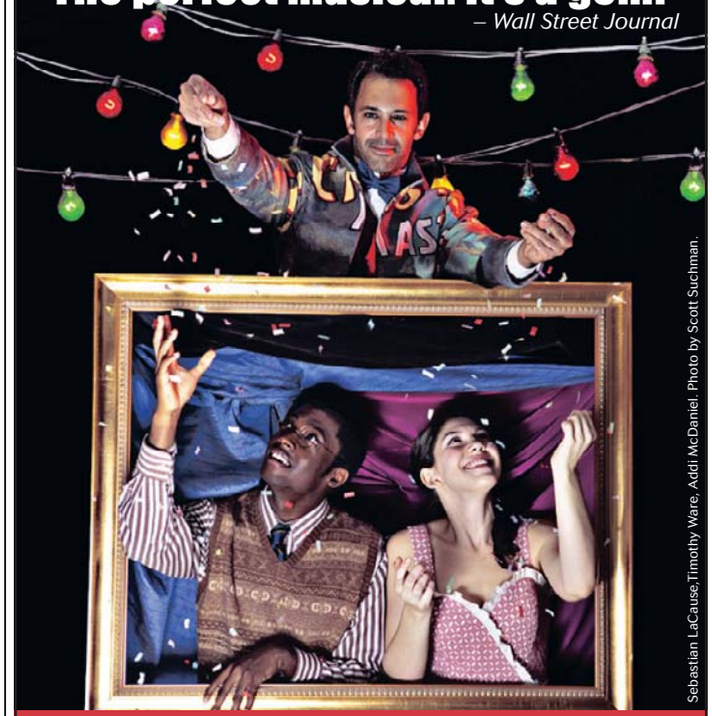

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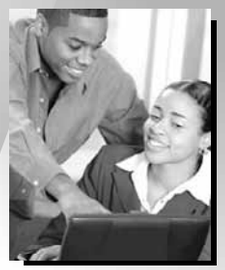

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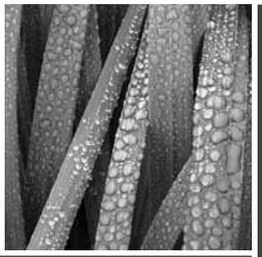

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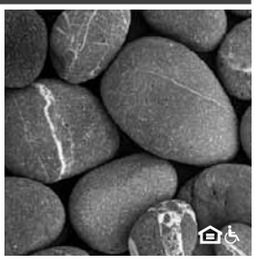

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Ian McKellen lords over a submissive population of villagers on 'The Prisoner'

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"I want out!" Michael says.

"There is no out," insists the leader. "There is only in."

So goes "The Prisoner," a brilliant six-hour, three-night reimagining of the 1960s classic. It airs Sunday through Tuesday at 8 p.m. on AMC.

"The Prisoner" is a sometimes startling, always eye-popping meditation on freedom through the prism of mass thought control. Jim Caviezel stars as Michael, the addled detainee who finds that, on his arrival in the Village, he, like all the residents, is designated by a number. He is now Six.

Ian McKellen is the charismatic, delicately despotic boss, Two. With a suave, creepy-reassuring manner, he lords over this realm with its daunting sinkholes, huge white beach ball and compliant, seemingly contented populace.

"He's running the Village with the best of motives," declares McKellen, speaking of his character, Two.

KEITH BERNSTEIN/AMC

MASTER OF HIS CRAFT: Sir Ian McKellen, who was knighted in 1991, is considered one of the world's greatest living actors.

But Two embodies, among other things, the drawbacks of capitalism, McKellen says.

"Capitalism offers you freedom, but far from giving people freedom, it enslaves them," he says. "That's part of the show's message."

At 70, the British-born McKellan (who was knighted in 1991) is deemed one of the greatest actors working today. He has triumphed with Shakespeare in his long stage career, while his many films include "The Da Vinci Code," the "X-Men" adventures and the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy (and, ahead for him, a pair of "Hobbit" films back in his role as Gandalf).

> **"Capitalism offers you freedom, but far from giving people freedom, it enslaves them."**

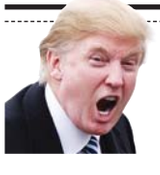
McKellen says he chooses a project based on whether it is something he would like to see himself. Another consideration: Can he learn anything from doing the role?

He accepted "The Prisoner," he says, because screenwriter Bill Gallagher "wasn't writing a fantasy; he was writing science fiction — something that might indeed happen, not something that could never happen.

"I decided I wanted to do this before I read the final episode," which, mercifully, clears up much of the mystery.

"Once I found all the questions," says McKellen, "I just took it on trust that Bill would come up with some good answers."

FRAZIER MOORE (AP)



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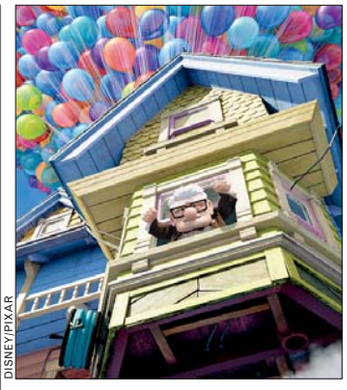

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Submissions include a wide variety of styles, including computer animation of such hits as "Up," "Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs" and "Monsters vs. Aliens." There's also the stop-motion animation of "Coraline," "Fantastic Mr. Fox" and "Mary and Max"; and the hand-drawn animation of "The Princess and the Frog" and "Ponyo." (AP)

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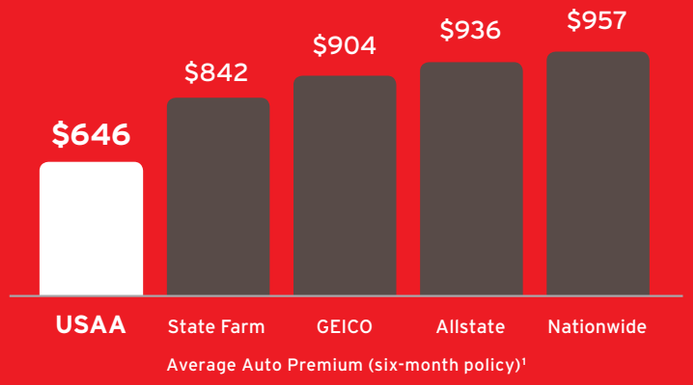

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Rapidly Switching Gears

Switchfoot's latest effort lacks a strong, cohesive point of view

MUSIC | "Switch" might be the key word for Switchfoot on "Hello Hurricane," its seventh studio album — and first in three years, since departing Columbia for its own label, the Atlantic-distributed lowercase people records.

Its Jars of Clay-esque CCM alterna-rock sound is still prevalent, of course, but the album feels uneven in style.

The angsty, edgy rock number "Mess of Me" bears much of the same urgency as the group's 2003 single "Meant to Live," in that "Where is my life going?" sense. Jon Foreman channels his inner Foo Fighter as he bellows, "I made a mess of me! I wanna spend the rest of my life alive!"

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Switchfoot has been a band for 10 years, and "Hello" is its seventh album.

It's a forceful tune, but the rest of "Hurricane" doesn't maintain that intensity. Instead, most of the CD comes across as trying to ape the hit-making formula of several alternative arena-rock bands.

There's nothing at all wrong with a derivative sound — or with any of the bands that Switchfoot has chosen to mimic. The issue, though, is that there are so many different resemblances that Switchfoot sounds like a band rotating through costumes on Halloween.

Where the band does retain itself is in its lyrics, which remain in that CCM sphere of philosophy, finding oneself and wondering where one fits in in the world. The album-opening "Needle and Haystack Life" is a case in point: As the title probably suggests, the song examines a sense of meaninglessness, with lyrics that are as big and expansive as the band's sound behind them. CATHERINE LEWIS

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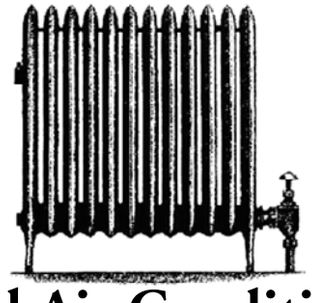

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Jonathan Safran Foer pushes for thoughtful food choices in his first nonfiction book

BOOK | Looking forward to your turkey dinner? Think twice. It's time, argues Jonathan Safran Foer, to stop lying to ourselves. With all the studies on animal agriculture, pollution, toxic chemicals in factory-farmed animals and exposes of the appalling cruelty to animals in that industry, he writes in "Eating Animals," "We can't plead ignorance, only indifference. Those alive today are the generations that came to know better. We have the burden and the opportunity of living in the moment when the critique of factory farming broke into the popular consciousness. We are the ones of whom it will be fairly asked, 'What did you do when you learned the truth about eating animals?'"

TWP

Foer is the author of the best-selling novel "Everything Is Illuminated."

Foer, 32, in this, his first work of nonfiction, intrepidly joins the ranks of Michael Pollan and Eric Schlosser, inspired by fatherhood, the memory of his grandmother (who survived the Holocaust by scavenging her way to freedom) and something else.

This something else is what made critics of Foer's fiction, the novels "Everything Is Illuminated" (2002) and "Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close" (2005), fall over themselves to praise him. It is a kind of fearless modernity: one part "whatever," one part descendant of Holocaust survivor (we've only got this one life, if that, to get things right) and one part soaringly beautiful, annoyingly entitled liberalism. What did you do when you learned the truth about eating animals? There's no hiding behind culture in Foer's postwar, post-Sept. 11, square-framed modernism. Think your way through it, Foer warns. Choose your priorities. You have that luxury. SUSAN SALTER REYNOLDS (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

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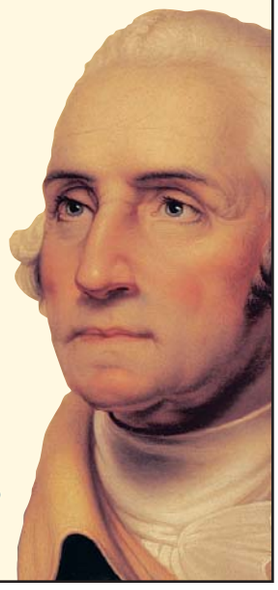

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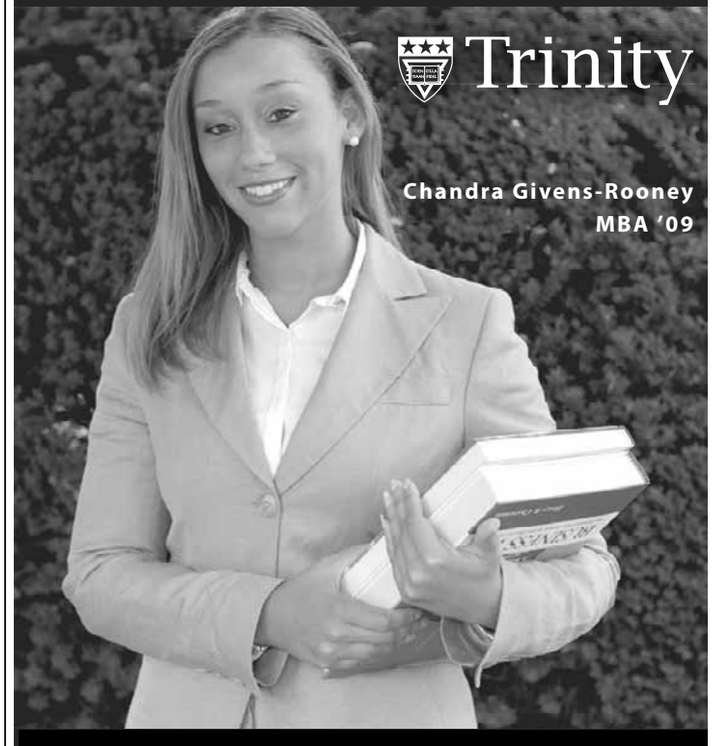

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Next week, NBC tries to spread enviro love on all of its TV series

AWARENESS | NBC gives new meaning to the phrase "green screen" next week, spreading a pro-environmental message across five of its prime-time entertainment programs.

"30 Rock," where Al Gore takes a cameo role, leads the way. Environmental themes were also added to the scripts of "The Biggest Loser," "The Office," "Heroes" and "Community."

NBC Universal's three-year "green" campaign has largely focused on off-camera issues such as making company facilities more eco-friendly. News and information programs have also been enlisted to do stories on environmental issues, but except for one "30 Rock" episode two years ago, the campaign hasn't touched the prime-time lineup.

ALI GOLDSTEIN/NBC

Kenneth will be tasked with cutting the staff's carbon footprint on "30 Rock."

This year on "30 Rock," corporate boss Jack Donaghy tells the late-night show's staff it has to cut its carbon footprint by 5 percent and puts Kenneth the page in charge of getting it done.

In the comedy "Community," the college is renamed "Environdale." Trainers on "The Biggest Loser" will instruct their clients to buy organic produce and bring their own mugs to coffee shops. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

tonight's lineup

STALKER STRIKES
On **SUPERNATURAL** (9 p.m., CW), an obsessed fan (guest star Emily Perkins) tricks Dean and Sam into attending a fan convention.

SO CRAZY RIGHT NOW
Troubling rumors about Dunder Mifflin rock Michael's world on **THE OFFICE** (9 p.m., NBC), driving him to overreact by forcing the office into diversions so strange they upset Jim and make the rest of the staff wonder whether Michael has gone nuts.

GO, TEAMWORK!
Minelli orders Patrick and his team to put aside their differences and work with Bosco and his team to locate a kidnapped woman on **THE MENTALIST** (10 p.m., CBS).

CATFIGHTS LEFT AND RIGHT
On **THE REAL HOUSEWIVES OF ORANGE COUNTY** (10 p.m., Bravo), Lynne's showing of her cuff line is interrupted by a heated fight between bitter rivals Tamra and Gretchen, forcing the women to choose sides, with Lynne feeling pulled in two directions. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

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On tonight's "Office," Michael Scott acts even more insane than usual.

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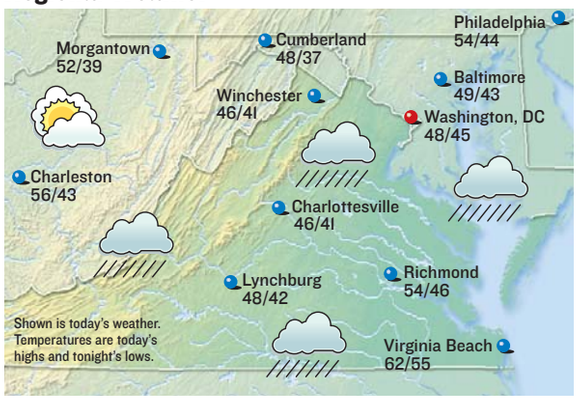

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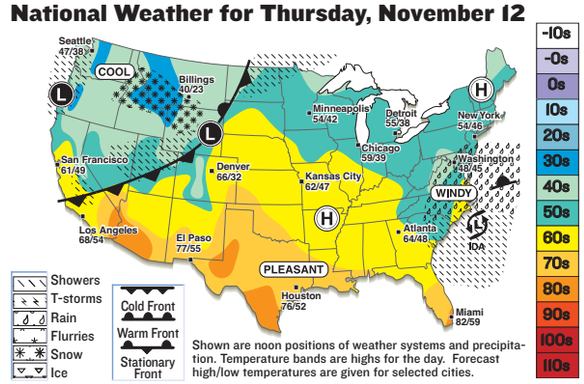

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National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	64/48/pc	70/51/s
Boston	53/41/pc	52/42/pc
Chicago	59/39/s	59/46/pc
Dallas	71/54/pc	77/61/pc
Denver	66/32/pc	45/24/sh
Honolulu	81/74/t	83/72/sh
Los Angeles	68/54/pc	68/52/pc
Miami	82/59/pc	77/64/s
New York City	54/46/c	57/48/r
Orlando	70/52/pc	74/56/s
Seattle	47/38/pc	47/35/r

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	48/43/sh	54/45/c
Athens	67/54/s	66/52/s
Berlin	45/38/sh	47/41/r
Buenos Aires	85/65/s	82/61/t
Calgary	38/21/pc	40/12/pc
Dublin	54/43/r	52/43/r
Geneva	56/48/pc	59/45/c
Moscow	38/32/c	43/36/c
Rome	63/46/s	65/48/c
Sydney	86/64/s	75/61/pc
Tokyo	59/52/c	61/57/sh

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comics lookout

Bizarro | *Dan Piraro*

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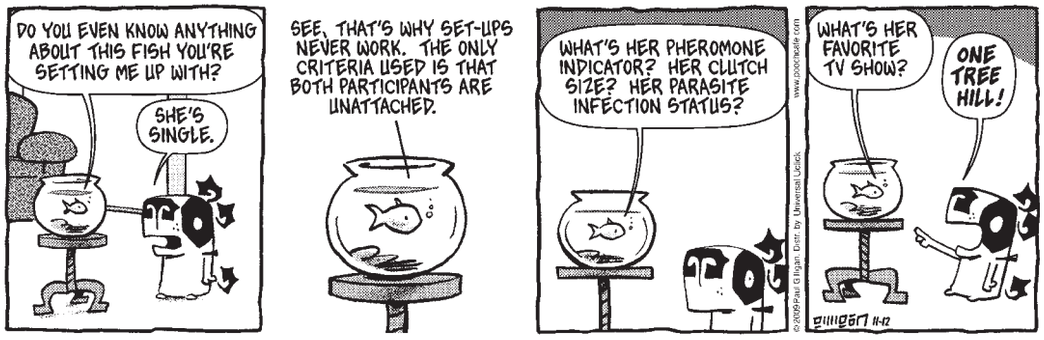
"Heroin chic isn't the look I'm going for. Do you have anything more rehab?"

Pooch Cafe | *Paul Gilligan*



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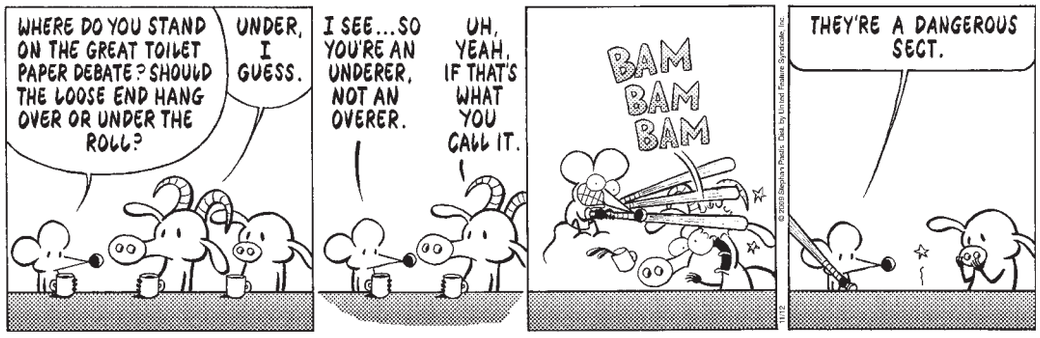


The Duplex | *Glenn McCoy*

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You're not going to need a great deal of encouragement. You are feeling energetic, focused and inspired.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) When you share what you are feeling with others, you had better put it in terms that they can understand. Avoid being vague and unclear.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You have something to offer those who feel that they are missing something extraordinary in their lives, but don't get carried away.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You know how things work, but the why may elude you. Some further investigation is likely to yield some important answers.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Now is a good time to look deep within yourself to come to a greater understanding of what you're all about. You can do it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You'll have to go through the official channels in order to get what you want — even if it's simply approval for what you want to do.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Avoid letting your reactions to unexpected developments get out of hand. Indeed, your emotions require more control than usual.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You'll recognize in others the things you most like about yourself, and vice versa. Now is the time to forge some more lasting alliances.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your critics are getting ready to descend upon you full force, but you'll be ready with a performance that defies such criticism.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You'll come face to face with a certain reality that you've been trying to avoid of late. You'll have to work with things you cannot change.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You have greater care for those around you than most others — and your understanding is something they will value greatly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) The pressure is mounting, but you are confident that you'll come through when direct demands are made. You're feeling strong and able.

Today in History

1554 Britain's Parliament re-establishes Roman Catholicism.

1920 In the United States, Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis is elected baseball's first commissioner.

1927 Leon Trotsky is expelled from the Communist Party in Russia, and Josef Stalin becomes its undisputed ruler.

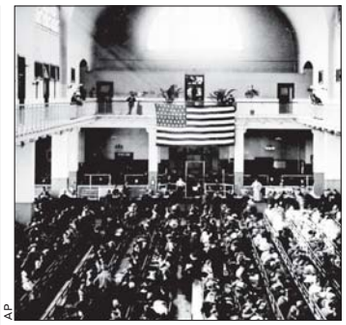
1948 Former premier Hideki Tojo and other Japanese World War II leaders are sentenced to death.

1954 Ellis Island closes after processing more than 20 million immigrants since opening in New York Harbor in 1892.

1987 The American Medical Association issues a policy statement saying it is unethical for a doctor to refuse to treat someone solely because that person has AIDS or is HIV-positive.

1993 Pop star Michael Jackson cancels world tour, citing painkiller addiction.

1997 Ramzi Yousef is found guilty of masterminding the 1993 bombing of New York's World Trade Center.



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Immigrants sit in the Great Hall of Ellis Island in this undated photograph.

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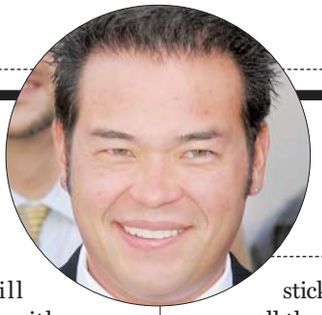
LOVE

Aerosmith + Steven = 2gether 4ever

STEVEN TYLER isn't going anywhere. Tyler made a surprise appearance with Aerosmith guitarist Joe Perry and his band Tuesday night in Manhattan. Tyler told the crowd: "I am not leaving Aerosmith." Tyler and Perry then launched into their song "Walk This Way." The appearance seemed to put an end to speculation about the band's future. Perry recently tweeted that Aerosmith was "looking for a new singer to work with" and told the Las Vegas Sun that Tyler had quit, as far as he could tell. (AP)

DADDY DIRTBAG

Ninth Kid to Burden Kate On Christmas



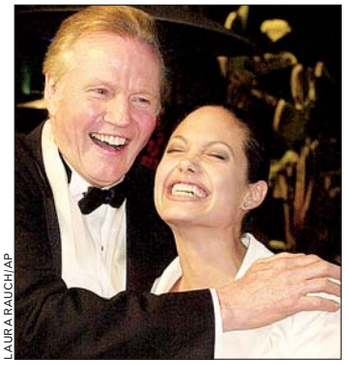
All Jon's kids want for Christmas is his barely concealed hatred for their mom.

JON GOSSELIN will spend Christmas with estranged wife Kate and their eight children, he told Popeater.com. "Christmas Eve and Christmas day are joint shared custody days, which means we're both in the house," he says. "They do the stockings early Christmas morning. Kate makes sticky buns. We keep it all the same. ... That way they have the sense of security with everything that's going on. But, this year, there's a lot of paparazzi, so who knows? Every year it's different." Jon Gosselin, however, will see his kids for only half of Thanksgiving. (EXPRESS)

FATHERS

Michael Lohan Reads This, Finds New Hope

JON VOIGHT and daughter **ANGELINA JOLIE** are once again on speaking terms, Usmagazine.com reports. "We're in touch, but not regularly," Voight said. "We love each other, and that's the most important thing." Jolie stopped talking to her father in 2001, after he went on "Access Hollywood" and said she had "serious mental problems." (EXPRESS)



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Remember crazy Angelina? Now you do.

CRIME

Seriously Weird Case Takes a Disturbing Turn

KATT WILLIAMS will not be charged in the alleged kidnapping a 17-year-old boy. The teen called 911 last Tuesday claiming Williams was holding him against his will at a Newnan, Ga., estate. The 38-year-old Williams was arrested there Sunday on charges he broke into a guest home and stole thousands of dollars worth of jewelry and coins. (AP)

JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

Katt Williams, pre-bizarre accusations.

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CANADA

Minister of Celine Dion News Is Relieved of Duty

CELINE DION isn't pregnant. Dion's publicist said the couple's doctor had confirmed a pregnancy in August via in vitro fertilization. A day later, Dion found out the procedure had not worked. (AP)

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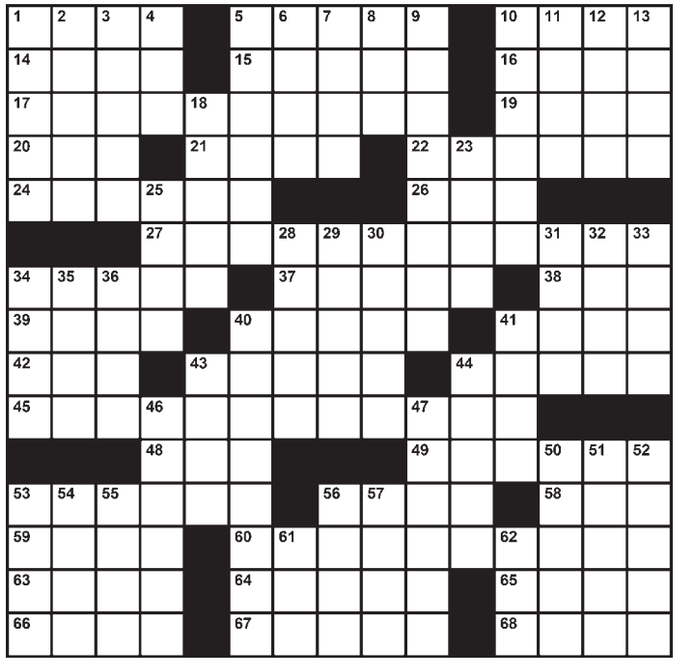

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19. Place with a counter
20. Horror film franchise street
21. Lunches or brunches
22. Rural road surface
24. Act as a middleman
26. Tree trunk, after processing
27. Certain Monopoly property
34. Bend a senator's ear, perhaps
37. Licoricelike flavoring
38. 67.5 degrees, to mariners
39. "Beware the ___ of March"
40. What dispensaries dispense
41. Primary sail
42. Clock div.
43. Patty Hearst's name in the SLA
44. Cockamamie
45. Well-off
48. Vole relative
49. Situated below
53. African amulet (var.)
56. Having hit the hay
58. Word between I's in a famous palindrome
59. Character on "The Cosby Show"
60. Nostalgic pathway
63. "___ cost you!"
64. "Dallas" clan name
65. Drought-scourged
66. "America the Beautiful" pronoun
67. Overrun with marsh plants, e.g.
68. Ceremonious poetry

DOWN
1. Color in 66-Across
2. ___ Bornes (classic card game)
3. Some limo destinations
4. ___ Paulo, Brazil
5. Ultimate objective
6. Cartoonist Drucker or Walker
7. Egyptian fertility goddess
8. Potok's "My Name Is Asher ___"
9. Monocle
10. Methuselah's claim to fame
11. Chicken ___ (deep-fried dish)
12. Unhealthy chest sound
13. Seed protector
18. Flight annoyance
23. Travel randomly
25. Weakens or recedes
28. Small mountain lakes
29. Arctic native
30. Victory smoke
31. Well-groomed
32. Troop group
33. Counting-out rhyme start
34. Wheels of fortune?
35. Chief Norse god
36. Nota ___ ("note well")
40. Periods of sunlight
41. Kennel club reject
43. Bygone autocrat
44. Unable to make it on one's own
46. Sock pattern
47. Department created by Carter
50. "... seen and not ___"
51. Comic Kovacs
52. Oboists need them
53. Fortitude
54. Wife of Boaz
55. Like some rumors
56. In a group of
57. Sound made by Big Ben
61. Animal that sounds exactly like you
62. Thai language

Yesterday's Solution

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		1		7			9	
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5				9				2
			4					

Yesterday's Solution

8	7	5	6	4	1	9	2	3
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3	8	9	4	2	7	6	5	1
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6	3	7	9	1	8	2	4	5
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